

The Baptist Record

House panel approves 'equal access' bill

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—The House Education and Labor Committee, led by its powerful chairman, Rep. Carl D. Perkins, D-Ky., has overwhelmingly approved "equal access" legislation sponsored by Rep. Don Bonker, D-Wash.

With Perkins making no secret of

his intention to get the bill to the floor, the committee voted 30-3 in favor of the measure, H. R. 5345. The full panel agreed to language approved a day earlier by the Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education (also chaired by Perkins) which consisted of the bill originally introduced by Bonker (H.R. 4996) with only minor changes.

Essentially the bill says federally funded secondary schools which permit "groups which are initiated by and composed of students to meet during non-instructional periods," can not discriminate on the basis of the religious content at such meetings.

The "equal access" provisions of the bill apply only to meetings which are "voluntary and student initiated."

The committee-passed bill also provides that teachers and other agents of the school or government may be present "only in a non-participatory capacity."

Teachers and other school employees are also protected under the bill from being compelled to monitor a student religious meeting "if the religious content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to the re-

ligious beliefs of the agent or employee."

School districts violating students' "equal access" rights would be barred from receiving federal funds, but Perkins and Bonker have readily acknowledged their intention to opt for a judicial remedy contained in a similar Senate measure if H.R. 5345 passes the House and goes to conference with a Senate-passed version.

The Senate bill, S. 815, is sponsored by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore. In addition, a more far-reaching proposal, S. 1059 sponsored by Sen. Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., has cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House sponsors of the Bonker measure elected the administrative cutoff funds over a judicial remedy to avoid having the bill bottled up in the Judiciary Committee. They now hope to get a quick floor vote on the bill.

No action has been scheduled in the Senate, but Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., has assured Hatfield equal access legislation will be considered this year.

(Chesser writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)



A bike-a-thon for foreigners was held to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, and four "foreigners" participated. The bike-a-thon was in Upper Volta, and the foreigners were sons of Southern Baptist missionaries. The event was sponsored by the Royal Ambassador chapter in the Sanwabo area of Upper Volta. The four boys and their sponsors are shown above. A story is to be found on Page 10.

Gulfshore takes registration for conferences

Pastors' conference study committee meets

By Frank Simmons
Gulfshore manager

The Gulfshore summer conference season is almost here! The scheduled activities begin May 14, with the first of four senior adult conferences, and continues for 14 weeks in summer. Interested Mississippi churches and families should make definite plans as soon as possible for attending Gulfshore as some of the conferences are approaching capacity.

More than 5,000 persons have already registered to attend one of the 1984 conferences at Gulfshore. This number is projected to increase on an almost daily basis as reservations requests continue to be received. Mississippi requests need to be made soon, because out of state churches will have the opportunity to register beginning April 15.

Some space is available in all of the types of conferences that are being offered by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. If the current registration trend continues, it is anticipated that nearly all of the summer conferences will reach capacity status.

Information about reservations may be obtained by contacting Gulfshore, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571. Groups or persons wishing to make reservations should send the following information, along with reservation deposit of \$25 per person, age two and up; name and date of conference, whether family, individual, or church group; number of males, females, couples; and children's names and ages.

Goal: 50,000

Southern Baptists have adopted a goal of 50,000 churches by A.D. 2000. Southern Baptist churches now total 36,302. We must double our rate of adding churches if we are to reach the 50,000 goal. — Royal Service.

Acting on a motion passed during last year's Mississippi Baptist Convention meeting in Jackson, Convention President Charles Pickering has appointed a committee to study the possibility of holding a pastors' conference prior to future convention meetings.

The motion, offered by David Gosslee, pastor of Toxish Church, Pontotoc County, asked "that our convention president appoint a committee to consider the possibility of a state pastors' conference and that this committee take whatever

action, if any, it feels appropriate to forming such a conference."

Pickering named Gordon Sansing, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, as chairman of the committee.

Others on the committee include Ed McMillan, Mississippi College; Murry Alexander, Greenville; Harry Lucenay, Hattiesburg; Frank Gunn, Biloxi; Gerald Harris, Jackson; Bev Tinnin, Meridian; Odean Puckett, Natchez;

Larry Fields, Tupelo; David Gosslee, Pontotoc; J. Roy McComb, Columbia; Joe McKeever, Columbus; Milton Koon, Booneville; and Wade Rogers, Taylorsville.

The first meeting of the study group will be June 8, at 10 a.m. in the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Association officers meet planned May 8

The annual Associational Officer Interpretation Meeting is scheduled for May 8 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The meeting is designed to acquaint associational leaders with suggested programs for churches and for associations for 1984-85. And the meeting should equip associational council members to lead program council planning sessions, and lead the meeting for interpreting suggested church programs for church program leaders.

Those invited to attend the meeting include directors of missions, moderators, associational directors of Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Missions Development, Stewardship, Evangelism, Pastoral Ministries, Family Ministries, and Media Library.

These annual training sessions are sponsored by the Program Director's Office, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Chester Vaughn is program director.

Youth missions conference set for Gulfshore

The Mississippi Youth Missions Conference will deal with "A Matter of the Heart," which is the theme of the meeting. The conference takes place April 20-21 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian.

The weekend meeting is designed for youth people in grades 7-12, their leaders, Acteens, Royal Ambassador Pioneers, and other interested Baptist college students.

Speakers include Mildred McWhorter, Tommy Starkes, and Jackson singer Cathy Irby Diaz. Miss McWhorter is director of Baptist centers in Houston, Tex. Starkes is professor of Christian missions and world religions for New Orleans Seminary.

A group of home and foreign missionaries will be on hand for conferences.

For details on registration, contact Gulfshore at 452-7261.

Kelly, Burgess are Youth Night features

Each year, one event in the life of Mississippi Baptists is certain to have a packed house. That event is the Mississippi Baptist Youth Night,



Kelly

Burgess

set for Friday, August 3, at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, 7-10 p.m.

Featured on the program will be Chuck Kelly and Faye Burgess. Kelly is assistant professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminary. Miss Burgess is a music evangelist, concert pianist and vocalist.

Mississippi's young people will also have a major portion of the program. There will be a youth choir,

plus choral, instrumental, and speakers' tournament winners from the state. Also, a drama group will perform during the program.

Congregational music and drama will be led by Mike Smith, minister of music at Parkway Church, Jackson. Richard Joiner, assistant professor of music at Mississippi College, will be choral director. Perry Robinson, minister of music at First Church, Ellisville, will be handbell director; and David Young, director of bands at Jones County Junior College, will be band director.

Kelly is a graduate of Baylor University and earned the master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He is a former Texas pastor and assistant Baptist Student Union director at Baylor.

Miss Burgess is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., with a major in church music. Blind since birth, she has been a minister of music and youth in churches in South Carolina, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Seminar hears need for Christian citizens

By Craig Bird

WASHINGTON (BP)—A world suffering from widespread hunger and terrorized by the threat of nuclear war not only needs Christians as active citizens; its very survival may depend on it.

That theme ran throughout the Christian Citizenship 1984 seminar March 26-28 sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, as some 600 registrants from across the nation heard ethicists, theologians, politicians, and preachers point out biblical injunctions and concrete actions for responding.

James Flamming, pastor of First Church, Richmond, Va., summed up the seminar by referring to the biblical story of the poor man named Lazarus who died hungry and sick outside the gate of a rich man. Flamming charged the group to realize "everyone in this room is inside the gate, but we are responsible for those outside the gate."

"Inside we ask 'What shall I wear?' Outside the question is, 'Do I have anything to wear?' Inside we ask, 'What shall I have for dinner?' Outside, 'Will there be any dinner?'"

Under the citizenship banner, speakers focused on a variety of issues. Two controversial political issues with major human implications were addressed by nuclear freeze activist Helen Caldicott and Latin American theologian Pablo Deiros. Pollster George Gallup reported on the religious mood of America today. Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., and Congressman Jim Wright, D-Texas, interpreted Christian citizenship from their respective political parties.

Harvard theologian Harvey Cox and Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, N.Y., considered how and why Christians should relate moral concerns with the public discourse on politics.

Hunger activist Jack Nelson spoke of Christians' responsibilities beyond their own nationalism; Congressman Claude Pepper, D-Fla., outlined a program for the elderly; William Hendricks, professor at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., explored biblical bases for deciding how to vote; and Grady Cothen, recently retired president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., talked about how the church maintains moral influence on public policy without assuming coercive power over the state.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., was presented the agency's Distinguished Service Award.

Caldicott, a pediatrician who has interrupted her practice to spend full time in "political medicine," told registrants the time remaining before the U.S. elections is crucial if the world is to be spared a nuclear holocaust.

She cited computer errors in monitoring enemy attacks, drug and alcohol abuse among both American and Russian troops who control nuclear weapons, the development of new weapons which place both coun-

tries on a "fire on warning" response basis, and the environmental aftermath of a nuclear war which would kill any who survived the war itself as reasons for urgency.

"In order to save God's creation, we have to act now and elect congressmen and senators who will refuse to fund more weapons. The Russian people can't influence their government, so Americans are twice as responsible to stop it (nuclear war)."

Deiros, a professor at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, reminded the group "Christ cares for Latin America and so must you if you want to be his faithful servants."

Gallup said rising interest in religious matters means churches should move "urgently" to help people change from being "interested" to being "deeply committed." It is the "deeply committed," he pointed out, who reflect moral values that contrast with the non-church and the occasional attenders.

He suggested increased emphasis on religious education, small support groups for Bible study and prayer and structured programs to help individuals learn how to study the Bible and how to maintain a regular prayer life. Failure to take such actions, he said, could allow cults to attract the increasing number of those interested in religion.

Both Dole and Wright called for the federal government to reduce growing budget deficits. Dole, who referred to budget deficits as "the most single important domestic problem" facing the country, said the current national debt of \$1.4 trillion will reach \$2.5 trillion by 1990 if Congress fails to reduce the annual flow of red ink.

Wright said attention needs to be given to reducing increases in military spending, pointing out that further cuts in social programs are unreasonable.

Cox underscored the increased, worldwide influence of religion on political institutions, demonstrated not only by the New Religious Right in the United States but also by religious movements in Iran, Poland and Latin America.

He pointed to the Catholic church in Latin America and Poland as examples of how Christians can become moral leaders in political situations. He praised American Catholic bishops for their letter supporting a freeze on nuclear weapons, "not just because of the position it took but because it built a framework which allowed moral discussion of the issue—something that is not often allowed in public policy debates today."

He also noted the Baptist doctrine of the priesthood of the believer strongly resists any temptation to turn decision making over to an elite group, either clerical or political. Baptists, he said, should "yell long and loud" when politicians imply that issues such as defense policy and foreign affairs are too complicated for average citizens to comprehend. Taylor addressed the difference

between the church having moral influence and joining political coalitions. Official church-state coalitions led to the slaughter of infants in Bethlehem in an attempt to kill the newborn Messiah and to the crucifixion of Jesus, he said. And in the American South, he added, scripture was "twisted violently" to defend slavery.

Today's coalition between "religious phrases" and political motives also will fail, "because God is still on his throne," Taylor said.

Nelson, a consultant on hunger for the American Lutheran Church, urged Southern Baptists to become prophets. "Amos saw the reasons for hunger and named them," he said. "A world in which one out of every four people is hungry is a world in which God is calling us to take a journey of faith and action."

Pepper, an 84-year-old national spokesman for the elderly, said he is working to pass legislation to reduce the cost of Medicare while also expanding needed services and another bill to remove the mandatory retirement age of 70.

Hendricks examined three motivations for voting, each based on a Hebrew concept of justice. He urged Christians to go beyond retributive and distributive forms of justice to "vote for grace and mercy" on behalf of others.

"The vote for grace and mercy is closer to the activity of God than the vote for retributive justice," he said. A follower of Christ, he added, should "dare to be a person for others at the ballot box," even when it means sacrificing one's own privileges and prerogatives.

Cothen shared his uneasiness as the nation "continues to drift from its Judeo-Christian value system" and government continues its advances into religious affairs. "Government policy follows government money—and well it ought to," he said. "But government has no inherent right or competence to define the boundaries of religious expression when it doesn't threaten the public welfare."

"Flawed man must be limited by law for the common good, but flawed man is not healed by the law. Spiritual renewal never came out of Congress."

Cothen said the free state and free religion should never be merged in the U.S. since the church must be the conscience of the nation but must never have political power to coerce government. The church's weapon, he said, "must be truth; its power, moral persuasion; its platform, the gospel."

(Bird is Baptist Press Feature Editor.)

"Unless we reach the cities we will lose the nation," states William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board. The 50 largest cities, having 1 million or more in population, comprise 46 percent of the country's population. However, only 17 percent of our Southern Baptist churches and 25 percent of our members are located in these areas. — Royal Service.

Refugee needs critical; sponsors sought by HMB

By Pattie Stephenson

ATLANTA (BP)—Though other disasters have shoved the world's refugees out of the public spotlight in the past few years, the need for Southern Baptist sponsors has never abated, says Delbert Fann, interim director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's refugee resettlement office.

Particularly pressing are cases involving European and Middle-Eastern refugees, Fann said. The HMB is now seeking sponsors for 25 European cases (mostly Romanian) and eight from the Middle East.

The refugee office could receive many more cases through Church World Service, "but since we can't assure sponsorship, we have to turn them down," he said. "It's really a lost opportunity."

Asian refugees still number in the thousands as well, Fann noted. "Right now Thailand has 40,000 refugees from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia in its camps." If sponsors are not found, officials are threatening to close the camps and force the refugees to return to their homelands, he said.

Fann also cited reports of refugees being forced into boats and pushed out to sea to relieve overcrowding and of Thai pirates robbing, raping, and murdering boatloads of such refugees.

Fann attributed lack of adequate numbers of American sponsors to several factors, including economic difficulties, lack of media attention to the problem, and regional limitations discouraging any more refugees from being resettled in saturated areas such as California.

European and other ethnic Baptist churches have "done all they can" to help resettle as many refugees as

possible, Fann said. "but most of their members are not that well-off financially and are concerned with trying to resettle their own relatives as well."

One solution is for stronger (Continued on page 3)

Revivals

New Prospect Church, Olive Branch (Northwest): April 14-29; E. P. Baldwin, pastor of Kendrick Church, Corinth, evangelist; Randy Leslie, music director of New Prospect, to lead music; nightly services at 7; pastor, H. T. Curbow.

Mount Gilead (Union County): April 16-20; Billy Lee Foley, evangelist; C. L. Garrison, pastor; services nightly at 7:30.

Ogden Church (Yazoo): April 18-22; 7:30 nightly; Steve Jackson, pastor of First, Flora, evangelist; Sarah Davis, minister of music at Ogden, leading the music; sunrise services at 6 a.m. Easter morning, with breakfast following; Hal Selby, pastor.

Harmony Church, Crystal Springs: April 13 to 15; different speaker each service; Friday, 7:30 p.m., Steve Smith, pastor of Wellman Church, Brookhaven; Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Wayne Crenshaw, pastor of Liberty Church, Brandon; Sunday, 11 a.m., John Brock Jr., evangelist of Clinton; Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Talmadge Smith, Director of missions for Copeiah and Lincoln associations; musicians, Bob Robbins of Monticello and B. T. Robbins of Clinton; Mike Penneck, pastor; covered dish lunch on Sunday.

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Faces And Places

by anne washburn mc williams

A silver bowl

I first saw Judson College when I was 11, and went there to a GA houseparty. Judson in Marion, Ala., is a Baptist college for women, founded in 1838 by Milo P. Jewett, also founder of Vassar. I met some Judson girls that year, and decided some day I would be one.

At that first houseparty, too, I got my first stockings. (Pantyhose had not been invented, I think.) My friend, Martha Nell, and I were younger than a lot of the others there, but we decided we must have stockings like they did. We took our snack money and went to town to buy hose, and garters.

At another such houseparty, Miss Kathleen Mallory's speech kindled my deep concern for world missions. Years later, as an English major at Judson, I heard a writer, Marjorie Moore Armstrong, speak during religious emphasis week and realized I could be a missionary through my pen.

When I was in high school, the Judson president, J. I. Riddle, spoke once in chapel. His white hair, his wide smile, I remember—and the way he emphasized each word: "By patience, perseverance, and a bottle of sweet oil, the snail at length reaches Jerusalem." Those are three qualities I have needed in practically every life situation—patience, perseverance, and plenty of sweet oil.

I learned perseverance when I wanted to enroll at Judson without any money. The many letters I wrote brought WMU and work scholarships. An uncle and great-uncle sent me \$50 each. Mama made me some dresses. Daddy bought me a foot locker, a tennis racket, and a bus ticket, and I was off for college. My sister, Betty, was in high school the years I was in college. She did without many things, I'm sure, so that more spending money could be sent to me. And she and Mama and Daddy milked cows and sold milk (and vegetables at the curb market) to assist me along the way.

After four weeks at school I got a note to "Come see Dean Bowling." He told me, "You are making a D in Rhythm" (a required course, to teach poise and gracefulness). "Nothing is wrong with your head work," he said, "but you need to improve your foot work." The hygiene book said we needed to strike a balance between being a bookworm and an athlete—"to live most and serve best—that is the goal." But I didn't know how to improve my rhythm—and besides, I was homesick.

Jewett, the main building, burned the next summer. For three years, I and many other students lived in prefabricated cottages, while a new Jewett was being constructed. DeSoto didn't find gold in Alabama in 1539, but there was gold in the characters of those who taught at Judson in the late 1940s.

For instance, there was Warren Robinson, art professor whose first assignment in Fine Arts Survey was "Buy for 10 cents something that is beautiful." At V. J. Elmore's, for a

dime, I bought a handful of colorful glass marbles. "Beauty is all around us, in unexpected places, everywhere," he said, "if we have the eyes to see it. He quoted from Blake: "Art is to see a world in a grain of sand, heaven in a wild flower." And so when his studio in the dome of Jewett burned, he saw beauty in a beat-up old building behind the laundry. He covered the walls in burlap and hung paintings on the burlap.

Judson opened new worlds to me, for later exploration through reading and travel—and gave me many friends, for then, and afterward. I learned a lesson from the Judson Code: "I will consider the interests of others to be of equal value with my own." I saw this principle demonstrated when I had emergency surgery during mid-term exam week my senior year. For three months my classmates took turns working for me in the dining hall. I could not have graduated that year without their help. But at last, in May 1950, I walked across the stage and heard those longed-for words, "Anne Washburn, Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude."

At Judson, a lean, tall old black man, Long John, awakened us in the mornings and called us to meals by playing a triangle. Now I have on my desk a miniature triangle that I use as a paperweight. It reminds me of Judson and some of its ideals—beauty, truth, and goodness. These, I feel, are synonymous with Christian ideals, for Jesus said, "I am the truth," and where there is truth, beauty and goodness will follow.

I was in Marion on March 31 for Judson's J Day (homecoming day). Dogwoods splashed the wide lawns with white. Mama and Betty were there, and W.D. My revered English professor, now retired—Elsie Brickett Lewis—was there, too, and gave me her own autographed copy of *Granny Brand* by Dorothy Clarke Wilson.

That night Mama said to me, "Today has seemed like a climax, a happy ending. . . ."

I hope that what I have said here conveys something of the gratitude I felt when at the luncheon that day, Sophie Garrett Jackson, president of the alumnae, handed me a silver bowl with my name engraved on it beside the words, "Outstanding Alumna 1984, Judson College."

Martin Niemoeller dies in Germany

WIESBADEN, West Germany (EP)—Martin Niemoeller, 92, who spent eight years in Nazi concentration camps for leading Protestant opposition to Adolf Hitler, died March 6 at his home. He had been president of the World Council of Churches from 1961 to 1968.

Niemoeller was West Germany's best-known pacifist in the 1950s and

Brotherhood plans missions day camp

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—The Brotherhood Commission will again sponsor a missions day camp during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Kansas City June 12-14.

Boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6 are eligible to attend the day camp which will be held at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., about 20 miles from the Kansas City Convention Center.

Missionary speakers, crafts, games, nature trails and sports are planned. Transportation to and from the convention center will be provided, as will snacks and lunch.

Registration for the day camp will begin Monday morning, June 11, at the day camp booth in the registration area of the convention center. Children will participate in the day camp all day Tuesday and Thursday and half a day Wednesday.

Parents will leave their children at a designated place at the convention center beginning Tuesday morning and pick them up at the close of the afternoon sessions Tuesday and Thursday and at the close of the morning session Wednesday.

Camp cost is \$7 per person per day or \$20 for three days for one child. For two children in the same family the cost will be \$40 for three days; and for three children in the same family the cost for three days will be \$55. The cost covers insurance, supplies, two lunches, snacks and the charge for the campsite and transportation.

Preschool child care will be offered at SBC

KANSAS CITY, Missouri—Child care for preschool-age children of Southern Baptist Convention participants will be provided June 12-14 in Bartle Hall, convention headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

Adults from area churches will care for children of non-local conference participants each day of the convention. The child care center will be open 15 minutes prior to each session and 15 minutes following each session for the convenience of conference guests. Meals will not be provided for children, so conference guests should plan to take children out of the child care area for meals. Parents of children kept at the child care center are requested to deliver children personally to and from the child care center during the convention.

Preschool pre-registration forms are available at Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association, 3 East Maple, Lee's Summit, Missouri, 64063. Cost for child care is \$9 per child per day if pre-registered, and \$12 per day if registered at the convention.

1960s and spoke out against nuclear weapons. The Nazis imprisoned him at Sachsenhausen concentration camp in 1937 for criticizing the Third Reich. He was freed from Dachau concentration camp by American troops in 1945.

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God guides and provides

By Joey Bennett

I can still hear the words of a pastor describing the will of God. He said with assurance, "Where God guides, God provides!"

When I entered the ministry, I knew that proper training was essential to serve the Lord in his local church. The part I didn't know was how would this training be provided.

When I first heard about the Cooperative program, I was at Mississippi College and could not believe that the program supported our seminary in New Orleans.

This was an answer to my deepest

prayer. God guided me into the ministry; now, he provided for my training by the support of the Cooperative Program.

I hope that someday, I will be able to repay the debt I owe to the faithful supporters of the Cooperative Program. May you never forget how many God-called men depend upon you and your gifts. I will never forget Mississippi Baptists and their concern!

Joey Bennett is pastor of Knoxo Church, Tylertown, and a doctoral student at New Orleans Seminary.)



Bolivar run-a-thon

On March 10, the Brotherhood organization of the Bolivar Baptist Association sponsored a Man/Boy Run-A-Thon. Net proceeds from the event were sent to World Hunger through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The money came from registration fees and the receipts from aluminum cans collected by the boys prior to the event. Those pictured represent First, Second, and Third place winners in each event. Wayne Gullett, pastor of Morrison Chapel Church, is associational Brotherhood director. Tommy Coghlan, a member of First Church, Boyle, is Royal Ambassador leader.

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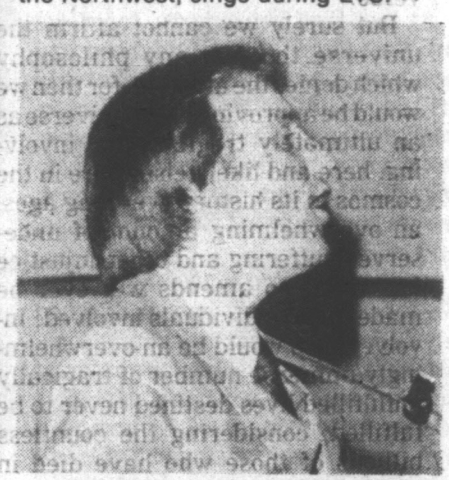
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Michael Ball, a student at Mississippi State, and 1984 summer missionary to the Northwest, sings during LTC.



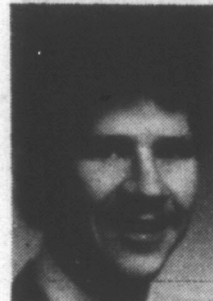
Bruce Fields, minister of youth and activities at First Church, Biloxi, was song leader during LTC.

The 1984 student missionaries are introduced to their fellow students and more than 100 of their parents who attended a special orientation and the commissioning service at Gulfshore during BSU Leadership Training Conference.

Baptist students commission group, elect new officers

Story and photos By Tim Nicholas

The Mississippi Baptist Student Union commissioned 62 of their own as student missionaries during their recent Leadership Training Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian. These 62 students will serve in 10 foreign countries and 30 states this summer with all expenses raised by BSU



Hathorne



Herring



Graham

groups on 26 Mississippi campuses. The students, meeting for training, also elected 1984-85 school year officers. President is Daniel Hathorne, a student at Ole Miss. Vice president is Jeannette Herring, of Mississippi State. Secretary is Melva Graham of Blue Mountain College. Executive committee members are Tim Ellison, Holmes; Judy Bracken, MUW; and Donald Balch, Pearl River. Faculty advisor will be Larry Thornton of Delta State; director, advisor, Charlie Boudreaux, Gulf Coast; and

pastor advisor, Earl Craig, First Church, Jackson. The students, numbering more than 400, heard messages from James Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City; Jack Greever, student work director for Texas Baptists; and Nathan Porter, hunger consultant for the Home Mission Board. Porter was the speaker for the commissioning service and commitment session of the conference. He spoke on "Action Love." He said that leaders must be as committed to a cause as the people they lead. One student he knew had talked up sum-

mer missions among fellow students. Porter later saw that student was among the volunteers. The student told him, "I couldn't ask students to do what I wouldn't do." Porter, the son of foreign missionaries to Brazil, said that such institutions as American culture and American business have been "Christianized" and made "comfortable." He told of a confrontation with a "Jesus freak" who was loud and obnoxious to everyone at the school Porter was visiting. The student sat at Porter's table in the dining room and told Porter that the impor-



Jack Greever, in light coat, facing left, and Nathan Porter, in sweater, talk with students and their parents following the commissioning service.

tant thing in life is to love Jesus. Porter told him, "To me, it's been easy to love Jesus. My big problem has been to love people... especially people like you." Porter said that the saying "just a layman" or "just a student" is no excuse for lack of love, lack of commitment, or lack of burden. "There are no two levels of calling... (As Christians) you have the tools to minister to a world that's hurting," said Porter.

Members of the 1984-85 student missions nominating committee were announced. This group interviews all applications for student missions for Mississippi Baptist Student Union. They are Dennia Atwood, MC; Suzy Valentine, MSU; Cathy McCommon, Northeast; Jeff Barnes, Carey; Pat Cummings, Blue Mountain; and directors named to the committee were Mrs. Bonnie Hearon, Southern; and Rick Alford, Northwest.



The "Sounds of Joy" of Northeast Junior College BSU, presented a concert during LTC.

Mississippi Baptist activities

- Apr. 15 Day of Commitment for "Declaration of Cooperation" (STEW Emphasis)
- Apr. 16 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m.; FBC, Pascagoula/FBC, McComb/FBC, Waynesboro / FBC Crystal Springs (SS)
- Apr. 16-17 Secretaries' Conference; Baptist Building; 12:30 p.m., 16th-11:45 a.m., 17th (CAPM)
- Apr. 17 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m.; FBC, Lucedale/FBC, Mendenhall/FBC, Brookhaven/Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian (SS)
- Apr. 19 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m.; FBC, Long Beach/Forest BC, Forest/FBC, Natchez/FBC, Vicksburg/Temple BC, Hattiesburg/FBC, Columbia (SS)
- Apr. 20-21 Youth Missions Conference: Gulfshore Assembly; 3 p.m., 20th-3 p.m., 21st (BRO, WMU)
- Apr. 21 Mississippi Baptist Ham Meeting; Baptist Building; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (BRO)

Cooperative Program day

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Affirmation of the creator

Editor:

The approach of Easter usually prompts many atheistic humanists to repudiate its special affirmation; however, year-round they do make much of "affirming the universe," this without belief in an afterlife—and psychologically we do need to approve of God's creation, the basis of our present existence, the universe.

But surely we cannot affirm the universe through any philosophy which denies the afterlife, for then we would be approving of the universe as an ultimately tragic scene, involving, here and likely elsewhere in the cosmos in its history over long ages, an overwhelming amount of undeserved suffering and other injustice for which no amends will ever be made to the individuals involved; involved also would be an overwhelmingly immense number of tragically unfulfilled lives destined never to be fulfilled, considering the countless billions of those who have died in youth, and many others. Approving of such a universe would be immoral, or insane.

Belief in afterlife can be the most life-affirming and most positive of convictions when, in affirmation of the universe and its Creator, it offers the inspiring promise of life and fulfillment in eternal realms.

Robert E. Crenshaw
Laurens, S.C.

Pastors and anniversaries

Editor:

The Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission has two major projects underway at this time. The first project is an effort to collect biographical information on all the preachers who have labored in God's Kingdom in Mississippi since the year 1895, looking toward a publication of all Mississippi preachers. The Commission, as a beginning, has requested biographical information from all the current pastors in Mississippi. The response has been good, but to make this project a success, the Commission needs the biographical information from all the pastors. It is hoped that each pastor will send his biographical information form to the Commission office.

The second project of the Commission is to recognize churches that will be celebrating their 100th, 125th, 150th, or 175th anniversary in 1984. A member of the Commission will present an Anniversary Certificate honoring the years of service to Christ. If the church wishes to be honored in this manner, please let the Commission know by a request. It is important that the month and day as well as the year of founding be indicated in this request.

The Historical Commission urges the collection and preservation of the records of each church in Mississippi. The Commission will aid you in the preservation by microfilming and depositing the records for safe keeping in the collection of Mississippi College.

Jack W. Gunn
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist
Historical Commission

Typo reverses meaning

Editor:

There is an unfortunate typographical error in the Baptist Press of March 15, 1984, in the coverage of Paige Patterson, Paul Pressler, and Russell Kaemmerling speaking at the Conservative/Evangelistic Fellowship at Southeastern Seminary.

In the seventh paragraph from the end, I quote Dr. Patterson responding to a questioning about what he would do were he president of one of the Southern Baptist seminaries. He said: "If I were in the position of the presidency of one of the seminaries—which I think is exceedingly hypothetical—my first move would be to replace existing faculty members . . . with folks who have no question about the full validity of the scriptures."

The typo on the word "existing" has been interpreted in several state Baptist newspapers as "existing." That is unfortunate.

Dr. Patterson was very specific that he does not believe "in the concept of going in and lopping off heads." He outlined a plan to replace "existing faculty members who were leaving due to retirement or any of the other ways they might depart."

It is unfortunate the typographical error occurred and was interpreted to be a transposition rather than an extra letter. I regret any misconceptions which occurred.

Dan Martin
News Editor
Baptist Press

Program for witnessing

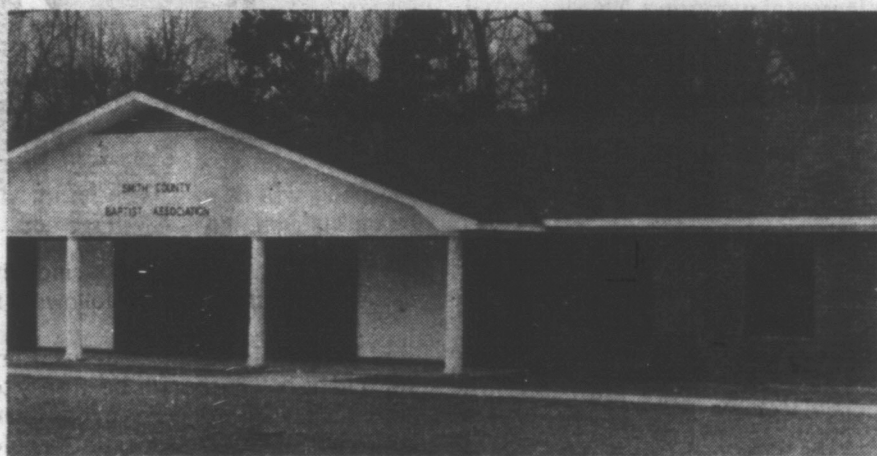
Editor:

When are the Southern Baptist Convention churches going to instigate a program for witnessing to the lost? Every day countless souls are lost to the blackness of HELL forevermore for lack of the Word. What could be more important than the saving of poor lost souls. It is our main priority in life after making sure of our own salvation.

Let us do this needful thing. So many could be reached for Jesus if we would all just speak to our lost neighbors. The shopping centers on Saturday afternoons are brimming with people and we should be out there in force in the power of the Holy Spirit. I don't think he wants us to go fishing or warm a chair watching the baseball double-header while he could be speaking through us to some hungry soul. Please let the Lord direct thy heart in this needed enterprise. If you don't do it, who will?

Gordon William Thomas
McComb

The problem is not in the churches having a program for witnessing to the lost. This has been in effect for almost 2,000 years. Some churches do better at it than others, for it depends on the individuals who make up the membership of the churches. I think we all would have to admit that overall we are not doing an outstanding job at this time.—Editor



Smith County Baptists have recently completed a new associational office building equipped to meet the needs of the 39 churches in the association. Open house was held on Feb. 26. Already this facility is being used for associational meetings, conferences and seminary extension classes. Members of the long range planning and building committee were Robert Jackson, chairman; Cecil Blackledge; Mitchell Hammons; Oyd Johnson and Jim Overby. Billy Ballard is director of missions.

National revival training seminar planned for July

ATLANTA, Ga.—Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., Jim Henry, pastor, First Church, Orlando, Fla., and Bill V. Cathey, evangelism director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, are slated speakers for the National Revival Training Seminar to be held July 17-19 at the Radisson Inn and Conference Center, here.

The National Revival Training Seminar is a systematic approach to revival planning and content, sponsored by the mass evangelism department of the Southern Baptist

Home Mission Board. Topics will include theology of revival, revival music, evangelistic preaching, revival invitation, counseling and follow-up, and revival preparation.

The cost of the seminar is \$25 per participant or \$30 for two or more staff members from the same church. Meals and lodging are additional. To register for the conference, contact the Mass Evangelism Department, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, GA, 30367, (404) 873-4041.

"acting or working with others." Real cooperation cannot be enforced. It is a free, voluntary act by persons who desire to work together. Individuals, by cooperating, are often better able to reach a goal than by their own efforts alone.

Cooperation is a hallmark to Southern Baptists who, at the same time, have retained a genuine desire for the autonomous congregation. Southern Baptists are constrained to be cooperative by their commitment to the Great Commission. Cooperation has enabled us to become one of the largest and strongest denominations in church history. Cooperation undergirds the ministries of more than 6,500 career missionaries, at home and in over 100 other countries.

Providing resources to meet the exciting challenge to Bold Mission Thrust requires boldness in prayer and sacrificial giving on the part of Southern Baptists and their churches. The Cooperative Program continues to be the primary channel for providing these financial resources.

A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Stewardship Commission, reminds churches that group or corporate stewardship involves the same principles and responsibilities as individual Christian stewardship. Corporate stewardship is demonstrated as a church shares itself financially through the

Cooperative Program. Cooperative stewardship serves as a model for individual stewardship development. The messengers to the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention adopted Planned Growth in Giving as an additional emphasis to assist churches in the implementation of Bold Mission Thrust goals. Planned Growth in Giving is an attempt to develop every Southern Baptist into a growing steward—not primarily to raise more Cooperative Program dollars, but to guide Christians toward responsible living and giving.

What God wants from his people is personal involvement in his mission. What he wants from the world is response to his love, as was demonstrated in Christ Jesus. Sharing through the Cooperative Program is a way that Southern Baptists have found to say to the world, "God loves you and we love you too."

As Southern Baptists share their resources—prayer, people, and gifts—as God prospers, Bold Mission Thrust takes on unlimited potential. Celebrating Cooperative Program Day on April 15, will help prevent Southern Baptists from becoming weary in Bold Going, Bold Growing, and Bold Giving.

Jim Powell is director of Cooperative Program promotion for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission.

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Child care . . .

Constantly changing ministry

By Don McGregor

Residential child care is changing constantly and is a great deal different from when Mississippi first entered into it in 1887, Paul Nunnery, executive director of Mississippi Baptists' Children's Village points out.

His great concern is that he fears Baptists generally do not understand child care as it is necessary to carry it on today and what it takes to get the job done.

Initially the concept of child care was to bring the child into the facility and take care of his needs only. Now the child care agency deals both with the child and his natural family. Nunnery says the agency does this "whoever the Mississippi child may be, whatever his needs and the needs of his family may be, provided this agency has the resources to meet those needs as same are carefully evaluated by trained and experienced professional people on our staff."

Furthermore, in today's practice the agency does everything it can to

reduce the time that a child assigned to its care spends outside a private home; and the private home of his natural family is preferred.

Because of this philosophy of operation and the fact that children come to the Village from such a diversity of backgrounds, the Village operates campuses in six locations in the state. Each has a different physical and emotional environment in order to accommodate the differing demands that are placed upon the agency by the backgrounds of those who become its charges.

Children come to the Village, Nunnery says, because either the child or the parents are in trouble. Even so, he points out, the Village has had an "extraordinarily good record" in keeping its children free from some of the problems of society such as dope addiction and alcoholism. Sometimes there are problems, he notes; but the Village should no more be saddled with the guilt when such is the case than a hospital is blamed when its patients are sick.

This sort of child care, which is necessary in today's world, is much more expensive than was the case when the concept was different, Nunnery declares.

To accomplish its objectives, the Children's Village employs what it terms Task Oriented Programming. The staff is concerned with permanency planning, which is an effort to bring permanency into every child's life.

Nunnery sees several elements in task oriented programming. One is crisis intervention. This is provided in time of crisis and usually is the result of a telephone call by some legal authority who needs to find a child a place to stay in an emergency. This is provided for children ages two to 18.

Another element is family clarification. This is a time limited program with a one-year limit. The staff feels it should be able within a year's time to resolve with the family whether or not the child will live at home.

In this program a case worker is assigned two cottages. Goals are set, and the case worker will insist that the goals are met. If at the end of 12 months the child is not to return to the family, there are other ways to go.

One of these ways is called supplemental parenting. This is a condition in which there is no way that the child is able to live with the family, but some sense of family is provided. The case workers work closely with the families. The parents see report cards and are aware of illnesses and are in communication in any other way necessary in what is a sort of partnership agreement.

Through it all, the Village attempts to exercise a preparation for independent living for the children. They are cared for there until they are back with their families or they are out on their own. They are able to stay at the Village until they finish high school, and the Village is still supportive if they go on to college or to a vocational school. The child



Paul N. Nunnery, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village.

eventually will be called on to function on his own, but the Village continues to work with the child on out into the community.

Another element is behavior re-education. If a child's behavior is unacceptable and he does not function within his peer group, there is a six-months' program that deals with the situation. During this period the therapist, the case worker, the house parent, and the supervisor all meet regularly to find ways of dealing with the situation.

And another of the task oriented programs is the work with Mississippi Baptist's Chemical Dependency Center. While the Center itself is housed at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, the Village provides facilities for working with adolescents who are involved in chemical dependency.

In addition to these elements of task oriented programming there remains the general residential child care that more nearly corresponds to the traditional concept of caring for children. In these instances the child does not live with the family, and the family doesn't choose to participate in the child's life. The family is not shut out, however; and, as is the case in each of the programs, there is review. In this general, traditional function, the reviews are every six months as the agency continually seeks direction in planning and goal setting for every child under its care.

Examples of the differing elements of care as are handled on different campuses are to be noted in that at the Deanash home at Bond the emphasis is on supplemental parenting, while at the home in New Albany the emphasis is on assembled family living.

At the Village a plan of care is worked out for every child. The child signs it, the parent or parents sign it, and the Village signs it. It is individualized.

The children are not all Baptists, but they are required to attend Baptist church activities. A part of the philosophy of the Village is that its influence should be exerted in the areas of religion, discipline, and school attendance. The Village's admission procedures are business-like, and its reviews are handled on a periodical basis, Nunnery noted.

There are six campuses which make up the total facilities of Baptist Children's Village. The largest facility is the India Nunnery Campus in Jackson. On 147 acres of land are 21 buildings, and this is the central headquarters for administration, financial support, food and clothing supply, and social case work supervision.

On the Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County there are five buildings on 186 acres. This is the country life campus and is geared to the needs of children who are more comfortable in a rural atmosphere.

Dickerson Place in Lincoln County has three buildings on 130 acres. This provides a rural atmosphere in a South Mississippi location.

The group home in New Albany was the first facility opened outside of the Jackson location. Private home conditions are maintained there.

Deanash is a group home in Bond in Stone County and was a gift of Mrs. Patricia Nash Dean and her husband, the famous baseball pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, Dizzy Dean. Both are deceased.

The newest facility is Reedy Acres, a group home near Water Valley which was opened Jan. 25.

In addition, there are some carefully selected private homes which served as foster homes in the Children's Village system.

The Village has provided these different types of facilities in order to meet the different needs of the children. The Village is committed to a cottage concept of residential child care, meaning that the program is based on small groups. Usually not more than 12 children live in a unit, or cottage, with at least two houseparents.

The administration of the Children's Village has said, "The Village is committed to serve and save the total child, and, hopefully, through him the private home, God's first institution and the cornerstone of our republic. In discharging our assignment we seek to communicate a sense of infinite worth to the child who is also made in the image of God and for whom Christ also died."

Carlises find openness to gospel in Uruguay

FLORIDA, Uruguay — Musical talent is one of Susan Carlisle's gifts.

In Uruguay as a Southern Baptist missionary, the former Susan Langston, of Jackson, Miss., finds her talent much in demand. Besides using her guitar to lead singing at Florida Baptist Church, where husband Jason is pastor, Susan has drawn on her musical abilities to develop a rapport with young people in the area.

The Carlises have worked patiently to form relationships in this community. Now friends and acquaintances, particularly young people, drop by their home near the center of town anytime between breakfast and midnight. Sometimes they play records or sing with Susan as she plays her guitar. Other times they come just to talk.

The couple has found a genuine openness to the gospel in Uruguay. Jason was the son of missionary parents, who were there from 1940-1969, and for him coming to Uruguay was like coming home. But friends warned the Carlises that Baptist work in this staunchly Roman Catholic community would be slow and hard.

When the Carlises moved to Florida in 1978, they began forming relationships by dropping by a cafe where Jason knew students gathered and stopping at other places where he knew he would find people willing to talk.

Young people in Uruguay enjoy debating philosophy, but they seem preoccupied with concerns about UFOs, superstitions and the occult. The Carlises see these interests as an indication of hunger for spiritual things. Such conversations easily move to what faith in Jesus Christ

can mean in their lives.

Susan first felt a stirring for missions work while attending Bailey Junior High School in Jackson. When she was 14, after joining Northside (now Woodland Hills) Baptist Church, Susan committed her life to full-time Christian work, feeling a strong call from God to be involved in missions. During her sophomore year at William Carey College in Hattiesburg she felt a strong need to major in biblical studies.

While at William Carey, Susan had many opportunities to sing for Christian groups. In her junior and senior years she sang in a girls' trio at different churches.

She and Jason were married in 1973. Last year they adopted their first child, Eva Naomi, now four months old.



Visiting with some of the residents in one of the cottages are Kay West, third from left, a house mother, and Wallace Lee, right, home life director at the Village.

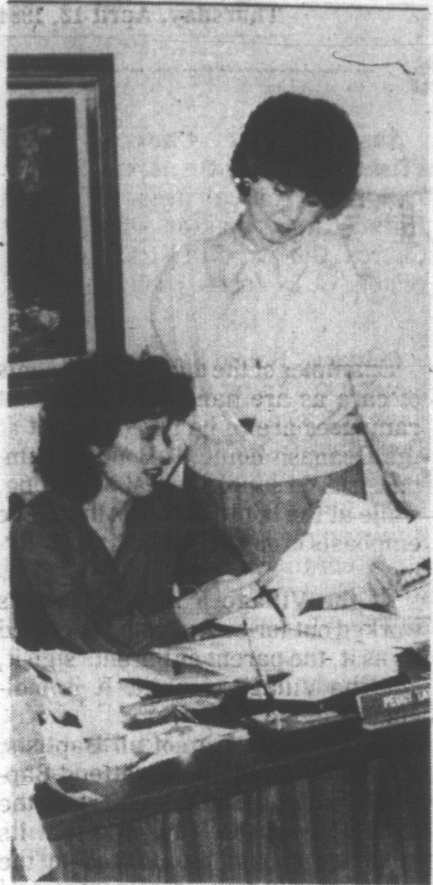
Owen resigns state post for HMB job

RAPID CITY, S.D. (BP) — Roy W. Owen, 61, has resigned as executive director of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, a post he has held since Jan. 1, 1977.

Owen and his wife, Maxine, will move to Denver, where he will become a regional consultant for the new church growth department of the church extension division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

When Owen became executive director of the NPBC, there were 106 churches, with 17,913 members. By the end of 1983, there were 180 churches with 26,395 members. On Jan. 1, 1984, the Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention began operating. Wyoming was one of the four states comprising the NPBC.

As he leaves, the NPBC has some 120 churches with about 15,000 members.



Peggy Taylor, seated, coordinator of social services at the Village, chats with Ruth Glaze, director of church relations.



Alabel Liles, left, a case worker at the Village, visits with Henry Glaze, director of programs.



The Children's Village storage and larder are always well stocked because Mississippi Baptists continue to give, and this will have to continue to be so if the children at the Village are to continue to be cared for.

The death of God's son

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is the only thing with enough power to wash our sins away.

The ordeal of crucifixion (Mark 15:22-25,29-34)

After his hurried trial, Jesus was taken to the place of public execution. The site was Golgotha, which is derived from a Hebrew word that means "a skull." The word "Calvary" comes from a Latin word that means "a skull." Evidently the hill on which Jesus was crucified had the appearance of a skull. It was apparently a hill outside the northern city wall of Jerusalem. There is no certainty today about the precise location. The traditional site is near the church of the Holy Sepulchre. A second possible location north of Herod's gate is the garden tomb, or what is

sometimes called Gordon's Calvary.

Jesus was offered a drug to make him less conscious of the pain. The wine mixed with a drug called myrrh, a kind of narcotic drink, was usually given to a condemned man just before his hands were nailed to the cross. It was a humane practice generally provided by charitable women of Jerusalem. Jesus refused it, preferring instead to feel the full measure of the suffering to which he had committed himself.

Then the Roman soldiers crucified him. Mark records the crucifixion itself with the utmost restraint. It was a scene all too familiar to the people of Mark's day. A more degrading form of punishment has never been conceived by the human mind. Josephus, the famous historian, described it as "the most wretched of all ways of dying."

Some who passed by this horrible scene hurled insults at Jesus. Evidently, Golgotha was located beside a road leading into the city. It would be especially heavy with traffic at this season. They taunted Jesus by telling him to come down from the cross and save Himself. The facts seemed clear to those who passed by. It was "all over except the shouting," so they supplied the shouting. Jesus would soon be dead. He was finished. If the final balance had been taken at sunset, they would have been right. But God's acts cannot be measured in a short time frame. The returns are never all in by sunset. The seeming defeats of God's purposes as they are revealed in Christ as like the defeat of the crucifixion. A day passes. Two days pass. Then, the third day comes.

The triumphant death (Mark 15:37-39)

When Jesus finally died, the centurion standing near made the statement that surely this man was

the Son of God. Let us focus on this striking reaction of the army officer to the death of Jesus.

This centurion is a man to honor—he changed his mind on the basis of newly discovered evidence. That is a notable mental and spiritual achievement which is all too rarely seen. He started watching the crucifixion, in all probability with the common view held by soldiers, that a man condemned to execution must be a criminal. But unlike others, he used his eyes and ears. He kept an open mind. He was deeply impressed no doubt by the courage of Jesus, the refusal of the opiate, the convincing evidence of goodness and greatness. So he allowed the facts to bring him to a new judgment. He became convinced that Jesus was indeed the Son of God.

It takes courage for a person to change his mind. Far too many people just accept tradition and prejudice without any honest examination of truth. So many people have been given or have acquired a set mind early in life, and they are never again open to a new fact. There is no more chance for a fresh idea to get into their head than there is for a breeze to blow through a billiard ball. Every person needs to come to the moment of recognition like the centurion. Everyone needs to find out who Jesus is and to declare it openly.

Gerald P. Buckley is pastor of Parkway Church, Natchez. This is material prepared for the Life and Work Sunday School lesson that was lost in the post office in Jackson until too late for use. It seemed relevant to the season.

Seminary trustees approve bigger budget

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary has approved the 1984 operating budget for the seminary. The \$288,609 budget represents a five percent increase over that of 1983.

The board also approved the 1983-84 extension centers budget, in the amount of \$95,684.56.

Board Chairman William P. Smith, III announced new trustees to the Board meeting—Southern Baptists: David Michel (Prentiss) and Stan Rushing (Leland). National Baptists: Clarence Phillips (D'Lo); Richard Porter (Columbia); and Rogers Tyler (Gulfport).

The trustees elected its executive committee as follows: Chairman—William P. Smith, III (Tupelo); Vice Chairman—H. L. Buckley (Jackson); Secretary—Gerald Haselman (Vicksburg); Treasurer—Jerry Young (Jackson); At-Large Members—W. T. Guice (Gulfport); Paul Stevens (Jackson); and W. P. Davis (Jackson).

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Devotional

From a hermit crab

By Ralph Culp, pastor, Central, Golden

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted (Isaiah 53:4).

Beachcombing on a sandy Gulf beach, have you ever watched a hermit crab? Their shells come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. A hermit crab is a crustacean without a shell. He protects his soft body by occupying the cast-off shell of another mollusk. He finds an empty shell that fits and makes it his own. When he outgrows the shell, he finds a larger one. Thus a hermit crab carries the house that belongs to another.



Culp

In like manner, Jesus took upon himself the form of man. "But . . . took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7).

When God became a man, he took upon himself every feature and limitation of man. He experienced human birth. He grew tired, thirsty, and hungry. He knew joy, sorrow, and pain. He was often mistaken for a mere man.

"Is not this the carpenter's son?" they asked.

That shell moving slowly upon the sand looks like any of a number of shell creatures. The difference is on the inside. So it is with Jesus. He appeared to be a common man, but he is the God-man. "And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:69).

Jesus took upon himself the sins of man. He asked the Pharisees, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" Pilate could find no fault in him. Peter said, "In him is no sin at all!"

He is sinless, yet he paid the penalty for all sin by dying upon the cross. "But he was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

On the cross, a symbol of shame, Jesus appeared to be a guilty, condemned sinner. However, like the hermit crab—look on the inside. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God . . . and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us . . ." (John 1:1, 14a).

Jesus took my place on the cross. He bore my shame, blame, and guilt for me! Now I can truly say:

"He took my sins and my sorrows,

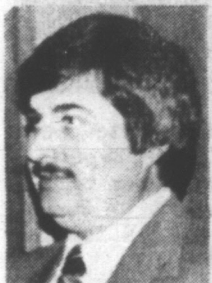
He made them his very own.

He bore the burden to Calvary,

And suffered and died alone!"

Names in the News

Rudy K. Irwin was named the Mississippi Outstanding Young Farmer for 1984 at an awards dinner held recently. The awards were sponsored by the Electric Power Association, the Yazoo City Jaycees, and the Mississippi Chemical Corporation. Candidates were judged primarily for their agricultural growth and production of the preceding year. Winners were selected by three judges from the Mississippi State University Co-Op Extension Service.



As top recipient, Rudy Irwin, 34, and his wife Theresa were awarded a two day trip to Washington, D. C. to meet with Agricultural Secretary John Block and the National Farmers Co Op; a check for \$300.00; and the opportunity to attend the National Contest in Montana in 1985. Irwin is an active member of Flora Baptist Church, where he serves as deacon, Sunday School teacher, and choir member. He also serves as a member of the Nominating Committee, Music Committee, Personnel Committee, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and the Music/Youth Search Committee.

Glading Church, Mississippi Association, ordained Gerald Honea as a deacon on Sunday, April 1.

NASHVILLE—Phil Fortenberry, a 15-year employee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, was honored March 16 as a Career Professional Employee.

A native of Tylertown, Miss., Fortenberry was employed by the board in 1969 as manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He assumed his present position in 1973.

He is a graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.



DANNY WORSHAM was licensed to preach Feb. 26 by the Red Banks Church, Marshall Association. He plans to enter Mid-America Seminary in Memphis this fall. Homer Worsham, left, pastor of Red Banks Church, presented the certificate of license to his son, Danny, right.

Parkway, Kosciusko: April 13-15; David Leavell, student at Mississippi College, preaching; William Tyner, minister of music and youth, leading music; Jimmy A. Smith, pastor; services Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30; closing service Sunday at 11 a.m.

Second Church, Kosciusko: April 15-20; Tommy and Diane Winders, Tupelo, guest evangelists; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during the week at noon and 7 p.m.; Carlis Braswell, pastor.

MK RAs hold bike-a-thon for home missions

By Charlie Warren

A "foreign" Royal Ambassador chapter in the Sanwabo area of Upper Volta held a bike-a-thon recently to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

The RAs, four children of Southern Baptist missionaries to Upper Volta, cycled 23 hot dusty kilometers (slightly more than 14 miles) to raise 197,948 francs (494.87) for the home mission offering.

The RA chapter in Sanwabo is composed of four boys: Jason and Cory Foster, sons of Missionaries Jimmy and Dorothy Foster, and Jason and Jeremy Cox, sons of Missionaries Larry and Cheryl Cox of Mississippi.

The counselors are Wade Watts and Ted Webb, volunteers from Tennessee on a nine-month mission assignment in Upper Volta, and Larry Cox, an agricultural missionary.

All riders completed the 23-kilometer course and a check for \$494.87 went to the Annie Armstrong offering as a result of the project.

(From The Baptist and Reflector, Tennessee state Baptist newspaper. Warren is associate editor.)

Christ's wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible.—C. T. Studd

Housing block told for 1985 Southern Baptist Convention

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Seventeen Dallas hotels have been reserved for the Southern Baptist Convention Housing Bureau for assignment of 4,000 rooms for the 1985 meeting of the SBC.

The other 16,000 rooms in Dallas, including some close to Reunion Arena, may be reserved by individuals directly since the Housing Bureau will have no control over them.

The 4,000-room block will be assigned to people who send in the housing request form to the SBC Housing Bureau after Oct. 1. The forms will be available in September.

Assigned to the bureau are: Adolphus Hotel, Dallas Hilton, Dupont Plaza Hotel, Executive Inn, Fairmont Hotel, Grenelefe Hotel, Holiday Inn-Downtown, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Viscount-Market Center, La

Russell Church: April 15-20; David W. Spencer, pastor, First Church, Long Beach, evangelist; Paul Ball, music evangelist, Mobile, Ala. leading the music; Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 7 p.m.; J. Milton Burns, pastor.

New Hope (Marion): April 15-20; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. with dinner following the morning service; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; noon meal will follow morning services; Sonny Adkins, full time evangelist, preaching; Gary Hodges, minister of music, Gateway Baptist Church, Roswell, N.M., singer; Bobby Smith, pastor.

Meadowview Church (Oktibbeha): April 15-18; Sunday morning service and 7 each night; Joe Blackwell, pastor of Williamsville Church, Attala County, evangelist; Charles Farrah, Kolola Springs, to lead the music; L. T. Brewer, pastor.

Carey homecoming festivities set

Homecoming weekend at William Carey College is set for April 13 and 14. Festivities get underway at 8 p.m. Friday evening with alumni having the option of attending a piano concert given by Carol Ann Roberts Bowers, class of 1966, at Smith Auditorium of Thomas Fine Arts Center or attending a theatre performance of the Noel Coward play, "I'll Leave It To You" in the O. L. Quave Theatre.

Saturday activities begin with registration at 9:30 a.m., at Wilkes Hall followed by a general business session. This will include recognition of the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, and a family-style picnic lunch.

A reception for the Outstanding Alumnus will be held later in the afternoon, along with a baseball double header featuring the Carey Crusaders and the Spring Hill Badgers. The homecoming queen and her court will be presented between games.

Short Creek Church, Iuka (Tishomingo County): April 15-20; at 7 nightly; revival preacher to be Ralph Culp, pastor of Central Church, Golden; Jim Kirk, music director; G. D. Jones, pastor.

Calvary, Batesville: April 15-20; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays at 7:30 p.m.; revival preacher, Don Stanfil, pastor of Harpington Church, Lafayette County; music under the direction of Mike Barham, minister of music at Calvary; instrumentalists, Connie Haley and Mary Evelyn Ledbetter; Floyd Higginbotham, pastor.

First, Magee: April 15-18; Gerald Buckley, pastor, Parkway Church, Natchez, and Bill Sky-Eagle of Arlington, Tex., leading in the revival; Oliver C. Ladnier, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Wed. at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Calvary, Braxton (Simpson): April 15-18; Arthur Whitehead of Chattanooga, Tenn., guest evangelist; services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. at 7 p.m.; Pete Simon (Calvary music director), leading the music; Mrs. Patsy Simon, pianist; Mrs. Peggy Dixon, organist; Henry J. Bennett, pastor.

WMU elects '84 board

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union elected new Executive Board members during the recent state convention in Hattiesburg, a director and associate director for each of 15 districts. The new officers of nine districts were listed in last week's Baptist Record. The others are:

District X: Mrs. James Jackson, Darling, director; Mrs. Agnew Safley, Rome, associate.

District XI: Mrs. Claud Gilder, Greenville, director; Mrs. A. T. Neal, Greenwood, associate.

District XII: Mrs. Harold Murphy, Clinton, director; Mrs. Lee Bruce, Edwards, associate.

District XIII: Mrs. Lee Roy Ivy, Morton, director; Mrs. A. L. Benton, Brandon, associate.

District XIV: Mrs. E. M. Kee Jr., Woodville, director; Mrs. Paul Green, Natchez, associate.

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A liar is no better than a thief, and he may be worse.—Theodore Roosevelt

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With gratitude to a missionary parent

Lord, I give my life to you;
My all I dedicate.
My all, a gift from you, O God,
And I reciprocate.

Take my talents; take my wealth;
Take my mind; take my health.
My child? But, Lord, I didn't dream
That that was what my all would mean.

"I give him back to you, O Lord,"
I bravely said upon his birth.
But separated by a sea
To the uttermost part of the earth?

I thank you, friend, who have heard that call,
Who've yielded your best, given your all,
Trusting God with your dearest possession,
Claiming his promise, receiving his blessing.

Knowing in his kingdom there's "no more sea,"
No sea to separate God and man;
No sea to separate parent and child
Who are laborers together in his glorious plan.

I pray for your child, but your prayers for his sake
Must cause God to smile and demons to quake;
I give for your child, but you give him anew—
Thank you, my friend; you're a missionary, too!

—Joan Tyler
Collins

(Read at the state WMU Convention, as a tribute to parents of Mississippi missionaries.)

Beautiful weeds

A garden, untended, invites drifting seeds,
And soon it is tangled with beautiful weeds.
Wild garlic and sumac and Queen Anne's white lace,
Bayberry, mimosa, all fight for a place.
Rich soil, but it brings not forth food for man's needs
Since it has been taken by beautiful weeds.

Life, too, can be strangled by beautiful weeds . . .
Our hobbies, careers, and even good deeds,
Can crowd out time needed for prayer and the Word;
Untended, life brings forth no fruit for the Lord.
Rich soil, but no food for life's spiritual needs
Since it has been taken by beautiful weeds.

—Anna Jean Allen
Louisville

Staff Changes

Roy R. Marshall has resigned the pastorate of Fellowship Church, Choctaw County, to accept the pastorate of Wheeler Church, Prentiss County. He and his wife, Sadie, and daughter, Mary Lynn, have already moved to the new field.

Tom Martin has accepted the pastorate of Canal Boulevard Church, New Orleans, La. He and his wife, Cynthia, are students at New Orleans Seminary. His hometown is Yazoo City. He goes from the pastorate of Liberty Church, Forest, and is working toward the M.Div. degree at the seminary. Both Tom and Cynthia are graduates of Mississippi College. She is a former employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

To rejoice in the prosperity of another is to partake of it.—William, Austin

Tom Kilgoré, New Orleans Seminary student, has accepted the pastorate of Gillsburg Church near Osyka, in Mississippi Association. His pastorate there began April 1.

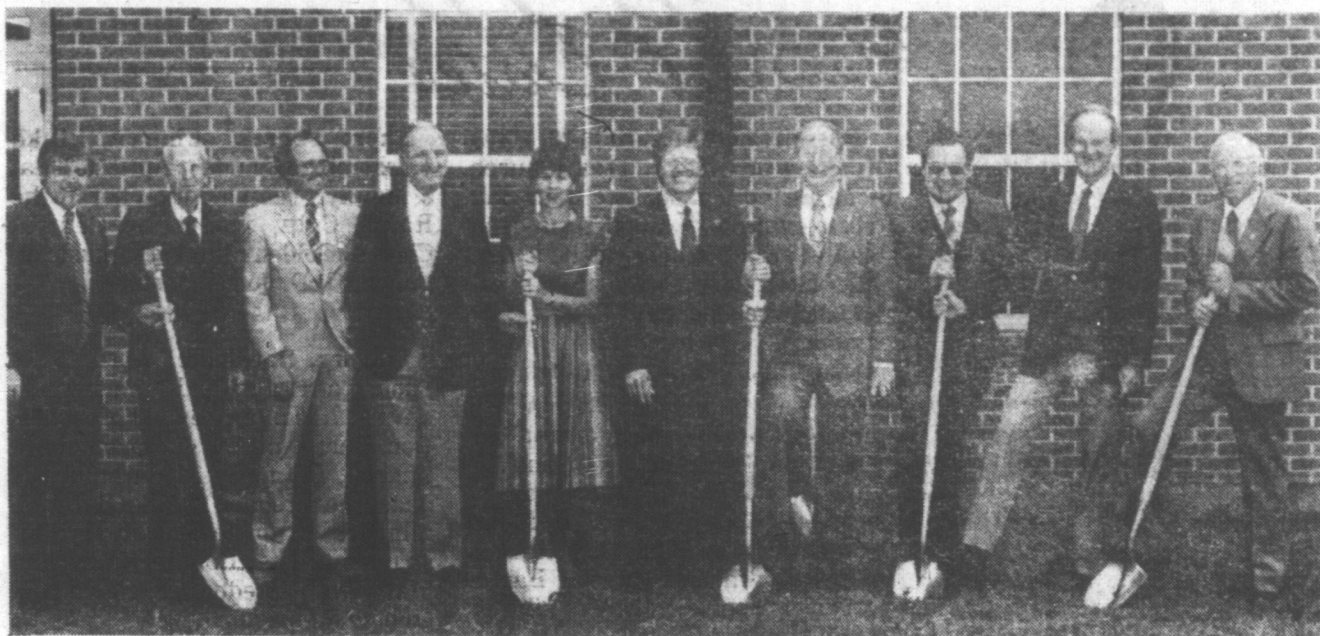
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FIRST CHURCH, McCOMB, held ground breaking services for a new education wing Sunday, March 18. Pictured taking part in the ground breaking service are, left to right, Frank Halbert, Sunday School director; Wyatt Hunter, pastor emeritus; Lake Pennington, superintendent; Carter Mullins, Inc., contractor; Jim Lambuth; Linda Meyer; Alan

Day, pastor; Carl Haskins, development chairman; Harold Fleming, minister of education; Bill Hewitt and Ward Stokes. Not pictured are Ralph Jones, Tom Jeffcoat, Mary Elizabeth Lipscomb, and Keith Starrett, committee members.

Just for the Record



THE WMU OF SHILOH CHURCH, FOXWORTH, recently visited some local nursing/rest homes and discovered a great need for "lap robes" and "feeding bibs" for the wheel chair patients and others who needed help with their eating. The robes and bibs shown on the table are some of those that were made by the WMU and distributed to the homes. Also, the Shiloh Baptist women are adopting two people each month in the homes and will help pay part or all of their monthly medicine bills. Pictured, left to right, are Sarah Nace, Loretta Stogner, Jane Goolsby, Ruby Bailey, Grace Jones, Elmer Johnson and Pat Jones. Others helped but were not able to be present for the picture. Bob Goolsby is pastor.



On Friday April 20, at 9 a.m., The "Bells of Faith" will be performing for the Good Friday chapel service of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at the Mississippi Baptist Building in Jackson. The group, directed by Mrs. Jean Marks, is made up of youths whose parents are members of the Mustard Seed, whose purpose is to work toward the highest level of independence possible for mentally retarded persons.



SOUTH NETTLETON CHURCH, Monroe Association, on Feb. 26 ordained two deacons. Left to right are Billy Nicholson and wife, Alice; Billy Joe Finney and wife, Betty, and pastor Bennie Franklin. The director of missions, Roger S. Dorsett, brought the charge to the candidates and to the church.

Twin Lakes Church, Madison County, reports that there were 72 present on April 1 for The Try Me In Sunday School High Attendance Day. Five perfect attendance pins were presented for the second quarter by the Sunday School director, Levelle Scarborough. The church has 100 resident members. After the Sunday evening service, a time of fellowship was held, and an anniversary cake was presented, in honor of Phillips R. McCarty, the pastor. McCarty, who has completed one year of service at Twin Lake Church, has served as professor of Bible and religious education at Mississippi College since 1965.

Monticello Church, Lawrence Association, promoted a high attendance day for Sunday School on April 1. A goal of 250 was set, but 307 arrived for Bible study. The worship hour featured a combined Adult and Youth Choir, with 61 participating. The pastor is Tim Rayborn; minister of music, Rob Robbins; minister of youth, Tim Bejian; and Sunday School director, Hilton Wall.

Young people of Lowndes County Association held their first associational youth rally of the year on March 17 at Mt. Zion Church. Special music was provided by "Ecclesia," a young adult ensemble from East End Church, led by Randy Weeks. Youth of Calvary Church, Columbus, provided a puppet presentation. Mike Carroll, minister of youth at Calvary, gave a devotional message. The film, "Kevin Can Wait," was shown to over 120 youths and youth leaders. Joe Pate, minister of music at Artesia Church, and Mike Carroll organized the rally. J. C. Mitchell is director of missions for Lowndes Association.

The Sanctuary Choir of New Hope Church, Meridian, will present The Day He Wore My Crown, a resurrection musical created and arranged by David T. Clydesdale, on Sunday, April 22, 10:30 a.m., during the morning worship service. The choir is under direction of Penny McLemore, minister of music and youth. Howard Catledge is interim pastor.

High court will rule on state Sabbath law

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court will decide next term if state legislatures may order employers to give their workers a day off each week for religious observers.

Eight years ago the Connecticut legislature passed a law that "No person who states that a particular day of the week is observed as his Sabbath may be required by his employer to work on such day." Another provision of the 1976 statute decrees refusal to work on one's Sabbath "shall not constitute grounds for . . . dismissal."

Donald E. Thornton, a men's and boy's wear department manager for a New England retail chain, requested in 1979 to be excused from work on Sundays in order to worship at his Presbyterian congregation. The company, Caldor, Inc., refused to go along.

Instead, Thornton's employer offered him a similar job at a Massachusetts store. That state still observed a blue law requiring all retail stores to closed on Sundays. Or, the company said, Thornton could remain at its Torrington, Conn., store, but in a position paying nearly three dollars an hour less.

Thornton quit his job and filed a grievance with the state board of mediation. That panel sustained his grievance and ordered Caldor to reinstate him with back pay and benefits. The company then appealed

the ruling to a state court which also sided with Thornton.

But the Connecticut Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision last year, reversed the lower court and ruled the law violates the First Amendment to the federal Constitution by establishing religion. Thornton's appeal that the nation's high court review that decision is based on the claim that the Connecticut law protects the free exercise of religion and without violating the establishment clause.

U. S. Solicitor General Rex Lee filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case supporting Thornton's position, citing a portion of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1972 requiring employers to make "reasonable accommodations" to the religious needs of workers.

Lee praised Connecticut's law, saying it reflects "an admirable tolerance for the diversity of religious practices in this country and a willingness to enable religious believers—particularly those of minority views—to overcome the burdens their religious observances would otherwise place on them in the workplace."

No date for oral arguments in the case will be set until sometime after the high court opens its new term next October (83-1158, Thornton v. Caldor, Inc.).

(Hastey writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)



Jerry Clower

Clower will highlight KC breakfast

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Presentation of the national Jerry Clower award for the Royal Ambassador missions speakout contest will be the highlight of the third annual Brotherhood breakfast in Kansas City, Mo., on June 13.

Held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual session, the breakfast will bring men and boys together at 7:30 a.m. at Howard Johnsons, 610 Washington St., for a time of testimony and fellowship. The breakfast site is within walking distance of the convention center, said director of Baptist Men, Doug Beggs.

Also on the morning agenda will be a testimony by Mission Service Corp volunteer Gregory Brockman, a trustee of the Memphis-based commission. In addition, recognition will be given to 1982-83 recipients of the Royal Ambassador National Service Award.

Clower, comedian and Baptist layman from Yazoo City, will present the speakout award to a Royal Ambassador judged to have written the best speech on moral and social subjects. The speech, which must have been presented on the state convention level, will be consistent with the mission education emphasis of Royal Ambassadors.

The national winner will be given an expense paid trip to the Kansas City meeting, a \$500 scholarship personally funded by Brotherhood Commission trustees, an expense paid trip to the Grand Ole Opry as a guest of Clower, an RA blazer and a plaque.

Cost of the buffet breakfast is \$5 with tickets available in advance from state Brotherhood offices, the national Brotherhood office at 1548 Poplar, Memphis, Tenn., 38104, or the Brotherhood exhibit at the convention. Tickets will only be available on Monday, June 11 at the convention, Beggs said.

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Book Reviews

GOD WHO SENDS: A FRESH QUEST FOR BIBLICAL MISSION, by Francis M. DuBose; Broadman Press, 1983; 173 pages; hardback, \$9.95.

The author is a respected missiologist who teaches at Golden Gate Seminary. His earlier work entitled *Classics of Christian Missions* has been received well throughout the Christian community. *God Who Sends* "is a comprehensible and systematic study of the biblical concept of the sending aimed at a better understanding of biblical mission."

DuBose has written primarily with students, professors, and mission administrators in mind. DuBose's method is to study all of the passages where some form of the word "sending" is used and where God is the subject of the sending. He is eager to find some satisfactory definition of mission since there appears to be none in mission literature and, furthermore, to establish his thesis that the concept of sending is crucial to the understanding of Christian mission. His idea and approach are similar to that of G. Ernest Wright in his book, *God Who Acts*, who established the thesis that it is God's action, not merely His speaking, in which the divine character is most fully revealed.

The concept of sending pictures God as the transcendent Creator who sends judgment and salvation into the world to rescue humanity, which is both the object and instrument of the sending. The concept of sending them becomes basic for Christian understanding of the church, God, ethics, worship, and evangelism.

The importance of the concept of sending for ecclesiology is that, in DuBose's understanding, missions becomes not merely a part of the church's task but is of the very essence of the church. "The church does not create mission; mission creates the church. In mission the church has its identity and purpose." (p. 105)

The sending is also vital in the understanding of Christian living since "there are no calls to Christian life and involvement divorced from the call to mission." (p. 103)

This study of sending is certainly a worthy and needed contribution to the field of missions. It is not always easy reading. The style is sketchy and appears disconnected at points. Nevertheless, throughout the book a commitment to sound scholarship and biblical integrity is maintained.

Reviewed by Alan Day, Pastor, First, McComb.

EVANGELISTIC GROWTH IN ACTS 1 & 2, by D. Wade Armstrong; Broadman Press, 1983; 128 pages; paperback, \$4.95.

Why is it that some churches grow evangelistically and others do not? D. Wade Armstrong believes that those churches that are growing are those churches which understand and apply the principles of evangelistic growth found in the greatest textbook on evangelism ever written—the book of Acts.

The 20 chapters of this book are homiletically organized (preachers will like this) and present a no-gimmick, no-nonsense approach to church growth. In the two major sections of the book Armstrong discusses

ses "The Foundation Principles of Evangelistic Growth" and "The Performance Principles of Evangelistic Growth."

The foundation principles include preaching of the death and resurrection of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers, the second coming of Christ, the unity of the people, Spirit-inspired praying, and a commitment to the authority of Scripture. Citing data from other church growth sources as well as appealing to his major textbook of Acts, Armstrong convincingly supports his thesis that these principles are a part of every growing evangelistic church.

The second major section, "The Performance Principles," shows how the early church practically did the work of evangelism. It involved all the church in evangelism, not just the pastors, and saw itself as having a single primary ministry—to reach the lost for Jesus and then to nurture them in the faith so that they, too, become a part of missions.

Pastors and lay leaders looking for solid biblical materials on evangelistic growth will find it in this book. Reviewed by Alan Day, pastor, First Church, McComb, MS

THE UNDIVIDED SELF: BRINGING YOUR WHOLE LIFE IN LINE WITH GOD'S WILL, by Earl D. Wilson, Inter-Varsity Press, 1983; 191 pages; paperback, \$5.95.

Here is another study of the Jekyll-Hyde dichotomy that plagues the performance of Christians. Like most popular literature written on this and similar subjects today, the approach is psychological rather than theological and biblical. The author does not begin with the biblical text and then draw conclusions from it, but rather begins with the givenness of human existence and seeks to interpret the phenomena of man's existence in the light of both psychology and Scripture.

Wilson believes that faith is the key to psychological and spiritual wholeness. Through faith the Christian can manage those emotions which divide the personality—anger, lack of forgiveness, poor self-esteem. In the context of faith one encounters the greatness of God and one's own self-worth. Faith involves accepting responsibility for one's own actions, aligning one's will with the will of God, and then actually doing the will of God. Wilson calls the Christian to a life of undivided allegiance to the will of God in which wholeness is experienced first as action and then, secondly, as emotion or feeling. Thus, joy is a by-product of obedience. One does not wait for joy or a feeling of love before he obeys God. It is in obedience that joy and the feeling of love are experienced.

The major weakness of this book is that very little attention is given to the person and work of the Holy Spirit in creating psychological and spiritual wholeness. The Apostle Paul never discussed Christian growth and maturity (sanctification) apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. This is certainly a major flaw in the book.

The major thesis, however, is correct and is adequately defended by the author. Reviewed by Alan Day, Pastor, First Church, McComb.

Jackson county retirees organize for service

A group of retired men in Jackson County have organized for service. The original meeting included eight men; a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer were elected: E. J. Smith, treasurer; E. W. Runnels, chairman; Norris Faggard, secretary.

The purpose of this organization is not entertainment, but service. Runnels said, "I have time on my hands and would like to use it in something constructive for our Lord. We have a lot of others who are in the same boat with me."

Projects that have already been adopted by the group are 1. Furnish transportation for workers in the Laser project. 2. Find and minister to shut-in's. 3. Help with the word of Seamen's Centers. 4. Organize a group to call shut-in's regularly and to assist in any way possible.

Projects under consideration are 1. Forming a political action group to exert force against gambling and other types of legislation that is contrary to Christian principles. 2. Jail Visitation. 3. Adopting a boy or girl from the Youth Court to show love and the desire to help toward a full and meaningful life. 4. Carry a team to a pioneer mission area to do a

"people search" or revival visitation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 13, at 10 o'clock at the Jackson associational office. Any man in the association who is interested in this work should plan to be present, said Allen O. Webb, Director of Missions.

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Waynesboro physician gives, participates in world missions

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

W. W. Walley, who pronounced the benediction at the close of the commissioning service on the Coast, is a medical doctor who on Jan. 1 of this year delivered the 6,000th baby since he moved to Waynesboro in 1951. He's a doctor who sometimes prescribes Bible verses instead of medicine.

During the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board April 10, he presided as chairman of the South and Southeast Asia Area Committee and as Chairman of the Retirement Committee.

Not only is he a member of the Foreign Mission Board, but he and his wife have for 20 years given vacation time to volunteer mission assignments, in the U.S. and in many countries around the world, among them Thailand, Bangladesh, Korea, India, and Spain. Besides that, he served longer than any other person as chairman of the Christian Action Commission.

Active in Baptist World Alliance circles, he spoke to the Council on the Laity held in Nairobi, Kenya, and at the BWA Men's Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Early in life, he said, he felt God calling him to Christian service and thought at first it was a call to preach. "Naively, I did not know God called anyone for any other purpose. Then I began to see he could use doctors, too." His life-long ambition had been to be a doctor, but growing up on a hill farm near Richton, he didn't have much money. He didn't know how he could pay for medical school. "One Sunday afternoon," he recalls, "in earnest prayer, I promised God that if he wanted me to be a doctor and would open the way for me I would dedicate my professional life to him. He did and I have."

While at Jones Junior College he worked in a knitting mill; also while at Jones, he met Eletha Green, whom he married. (They have four children, Eletha Jane, Charlette Ann, Joseph Claude, and W. W. Jr.) During World War II he was in the Army. Afterward, he got degrees from Ole Miss and from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and did his internship at Jefferson-Hillman in Birmingham.

"I wanted to practice in a small town," he said. Waynesboro, where he set up his practice in 1951, has a population of around 6,000. Does that mean he delivered everyone in town? "No," he said. But of the high school basketball team that won the state championship a few years ago, he had delivered everyone on the team. He has delivered one set of triplets, and once he delivered twins who weighed almost 10 pounds each.

His practice has afforded him countless opportunities for witnessing. "I witness to nearly everyone I see. Every born-again Christian is a minister and shares in the Great Commission."

Ministers of many faiths have been among his patients, and, the doctor says, "Ministers are subject to all the physical and emotional ills that

others suffer. I frequently treat what I call the 'young preacher syndrome,' though it's not limited to the young. It is brought on by the awareness of the large number of lost and an attempt to win them all. One day it dawns on them they are facing an impossible task. They don't sleep well, don't eat well, get indigestion, and soon are imagining they have a terrible disease that they themselves have diagnosed.

"When I convinced myself that the problem is emotional, I usually begin by saying 'What's wrong is you don't believe the Bible!'" Then he reads to them Matthew 6:25-34, or writes that Bible reference on a prescription blank. When the pharmacist tells the minister what the prescription says, he sometimes get very angry, but back home, out of curiosity, he re-reads those verses.

"I do not recall one who did not later share with me he felt this was the best prescription I had ever given him," said Walley. "When all is back to normal, I like to share a firm belief of mine—that truly God-called man is virtually indestructible until he has completed the work God called him to do."

Concerning his stewardship, he said, he gives a tithe of his gross income. Rather than figure profits and expenses, he set up a separate bank account for his tithe. Each time he makes a deposit he puts ten percent of it in his tithe fund.

Through the years he and his wife have been active in First Church, Waynesboro, where he is a deacon. He credits a former pastor there, E. F. Hicks, with helping him to see his responsibility to minister as a layman, when Hicks said, "I am convinced that if we are to save the world for Christ we must save America first." Soon after he heard that remark, Walley went on his first volunteer missions trip—a layman's crusade to Montana.

He began to get cold feet about leading in Montana a whole worship service something he had never done, and tried to find an excuse not to go. Seven of his patients were due to have babies during the week he would be gone; he said, "I can't go and leave them." But every one of the women had her baby before time for him to leave.

Another year, when he was going on a layman's crusade to California, he thought the same thing would happen. Yet not one of the five women expecting babies had hers before he was to leave. Reluctantly he left another doctor in charge. However, the women all waited until he got back. The first of the five had her baby an hour after his return home!

On his office wall hangs a motto in Spanish, "God is love," decorated with painted flowers. It's a memento of a mission trip to Spain with Chester Quarles and some other Mississippians. They spoke in Spanish Baptist churches, on stewardship. His assignment was in churches along the southeastern coast, a resort area.

In one church, he expressed admiration for the beautiful framed motto on the wall of the pastor's study. Later, this was tied with ribbon and presented to him as a gift. He learned then about the Spanish custom: If you compliment something, it will be considered rude if the owner doesn't give it to you.

For a long time he wondered if his work in Spain had shown any results, but had no way of knowing. In 1976, he was in Bangladesh, where the Foreign Mission Board had asked him to set up a medical clinic. In the guest house of the Baptist mission in Dacca, he was feeling homesick and blue when he met in the dining room a representative of the Foreign Mission Board. They began discussing the question of how much good could a layman actually do in a another country in a brief time. The man (who did not know of Walley's previous visit to Spain) said, "I don't know, speaking from a medical standpoint, but I have always hoped that some day the Lord would let me meet one of the Baptist laymen who went to Spain and spoke on stewardship about ten years ago. After that series of talks, the people in those churches began to increase their stewardship and today they still give a better account of their stewardship than any area I know about in foreign mission work. The real improvement was in churches up and down the east coast..." (where Walley was).

"I grew six inches right then," Walley said. "Don't ever sell yourself short."

During the weeks that he was in Bangladesh, one incident he has never forgotten. Two young men came to him, holding a bamboo pole between them on their shoulders. Suspended by ropes from the pole was a bench and on it a twisted and arthritic old man, their grandfather.

Each of the old man's legs had a wooden peg driven into it, "to let the bad humors out," according to the village doctor. Bad infection and high fever were taking their toll. Dr. Walley persuaded the man to let him remove the pegs, bathe the infected places, and give him a penicillin shot. Within two days, though the arthritis was not gone, he was dramatically better. This reminded the doctor, he said, of the man who was let down on his bed through the roof to Jesus.

Walley was in India in 1973, for the dedication of the Southern Baptist Hospital in Bangalore. As a result of that trip, he and Owen Cooper and some others organized Universal Concern, which has aided Indian nationals in planting churches in their own country.

One year he was asked to speak in Boise, Idaho, to a pastors' conference, on the role of prayer in healing. "God answers prayers for healing. I have seen this many times." And he said he has seen God take over where the doctor's ability ended. When he was to go to Idaho, he kept thinking of reasons not to go, but kept feeling that God wanted him to go. As a result of his message, a young woman and her two teenage daughters made professions of faith. "No one in that church knew these people before, but the Lord did, and I am sure that he sent me there for that express purpose."

In Nairobi, he told the Council on Laity: "To minister successfully in a secular profession does not require much of a man, but does require all that man has. It does not require a great deal of ability, but it does require availability and complete dedication. When you meet these requirements and go out in the name of the Lord, giving it your best, results will come every time and often you will be able to see those results."



W. W. Walley

Refugees

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churches to act as cosponsors, contributing financial help to refugees' support, he suggested.

Beyond sponsorship, other critical needs include securing leaders within local churches to assist sponsorship efforts and to guide refugees' spiritual development, and language materials to relay information about resettlement and to introduce Christianity.

Southern Baptists' involvement in refugee resettlement has "reaped more than we've sown," Fann observed. From 1975 to 1983, Southern Baptists sponsored more than 13,647 of the 1,047,121 refugees admitted to the United States.

During the same period, 281 Cambodian, Caribbean, Hispanic, Laotian, Romanian, and Vietnamese SBC congregations were begun. More than 36,000 refugees are estimated to be involved in Southern Baptist life—significantly more than were resettled by Southern Baptists, Fann pointed out.

(Patti Stephenson writes for the Home Mission Board.)

New Orleans trustees adopt budget, elect faculty members

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Trustees of New Orleans Seminary adopted a record budget, elected a Mississippian as a faculty member, and increased fees and rents during its annual meeting.

Trustees expressed concern over the anticipated shortfall in Cooperative Program giving and a resulting decline in funds for the seminary. Much of the board's action on fiscal affairs centered on maintenance of the academic program for increasing numbers of students within income expectations.

The \$5,832,260 budget for the 1984-85 fiscal year is the largest in the seminary's history even though salary increases for faculty and staff personnel were not included. In a letter to all faculty and staff, Chairman William M. Hamm Jr., layman from

Shreveport, La., relayed the trustees' regrets no salary increases could be included in this budget.

In other actions related to fiscal affairs, trustees:

—Approved increases in the schedule of student fees including a raise in the matriculation fee to \$275 per semester for students in master and associate degree programs;

—Approved a fee of \$68.75 per course for special, part-time or auditing students with a maximum fee of \$275 per student per semester;

—Approved rate increases for campus housing. Dormitory room rates were raised \$2 per month to \$52 per month for semi-private rooms and \$75 per month for single rooms. Apartment rental rates which ranged from \$115 to \$245 per month have been raised to range from \$120

to \$255 per month depending upon size and utilities provided;

—Approved increases in rates charged at the seminary's preschool center.

James Everette Reed was elected to the faculty as assistant professor of history and philosophy of religious education in the division of religious education ministries, effective June 1, 1984. He has been assistant professor of religious education at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., since 1981.

In 1900, 85 percent of all Christians were in North America and Europe. Today, 55 percent of all Christians are in the emerging nations of the Third World. Brazilian Baptists are sending their first missionaries to the U.S.A. — The Student.

October 1984 - December 1985

Mississippi Baptist calendar of events

OCTOBER '84

OCTOBER — COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH (Stew. Emphasis)

- 1-2 Pastors' Retreat; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 1st-4 p.m., 2nd (CAPM)
- 1-3 January Bible Study Preview Clinic; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (SS)
- 1 - William Carey College, Hattiesburg
- 2 - Mississippi College, Clinton
- 3 - Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
- 3-5 Baptist Building At Home Days
- 4 New Staff Orientation and Directors of Missions Meeting; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (MBCB)
- 4-5 Handbell Leadership Seminar; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (CM)
- 4 - (North) FBC, Grenada
- 5 - (South) Petal-Harvey BC, Petal
- 5 Issues Training Seminar; Baptist Building; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAC)
- 5-6 Baptist Young Women Retreat; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 6 p.m., 5th-3 p.m., 6th (WMU)
- 5-6 Tri-State Camporee; Camp Cordova, Tenn.; 2 p.m., 5th-4:30 p.m., 6th (BRO)
- 8-9 Church Training Workshops; in each association (CT)
- 12-13 Disaster Relief Training; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 6 p.m., 12th-2 p.m., 13th (BRO)
- 13 Royal Ambassador Day; Mississippi College, Clinton; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (BRO)
- 14 World Hunger Day (CAC Emphasis)
- 15-16 Youth Ministry Seminar; Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville; Noon, 15th-4 p.m., 16th (CAPM)
- 19-20 Church Library Media Conference; Baptist Building; Noon, 19th-noon, 20th (SS)
- 22-25 Area Secretaries Conference; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAPM)
- 22 - FBC, Wiggins
- 23 - FBC, Hazlehurst
- 24 - FBC, Indianola
- 25 - West Heights BC, Pontotoc
- 26-28 International Student Conference; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 4 p.m., 26th-noon, 28th (SW)
- 28 High Attendance Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)

NOVEMBER '84

- 1 Student Day at the Baptist Building; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (CoMi)
- 4-10 Royal Ambassador Emphasis Week (BRO)
- 7-9 Baptist Building At Home Days
- 9-10 Acteens Mother/Daughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa; 5 p.m., 9th-3 p.m., 10th (WMU)
- 12-14 Mississippi Baptist State Convention; FBC, Jackson
- 13 Video Awareness Breakfast; FBC, Jackson; 7-8:30 a.m. (DBS)

- 18-21 Foreign Mission Study (WMU Emphasis)
- 19 Associational "M" Night (CT Emphasis)
- 26-30 MasterLife Workshop; Baptist Building; 6 p.m., 26th-noon, 30th (CT)

DECEMBER '84

- 2-9 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions (WMU Emphasis)
- 3-6 Bible Drill Clinic; 7-9 p.m. (CT)
- 3 - Oakland BC, Corinth
- FBC, Holly Springs
- FBC, Amory
- 4 - FBC, Philadelphia
- FBC, Eupora
- FBC, Lexington
- 6 - FBC, Shaw
- FBC, Bruce
- Sumner BC, Summer
- 3-4 Preaching Conference; FBC, Louisville; 2 p.m., 3rd-3:30 p.m., 4th (CAPM)
- 6-7 Area Coordinators Specialized Training; Central Hills, Kosciusko; Noon, 6th-3 p.m., 7th (BRO)
- 9 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)
- 27-28 Youth Evangelism Conference; Mississippi College; 1 p.m., 27th-4:45 p.m., 28th (EVAN)

JANUARY '85

- 6 Witness Commitment Day (EVAN Emphasis)
- 6-13 Deacon Emphasis Week (CAPM Emphasis)
- 9-11 Baptist Building At Home Days
- 14 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- FBC, Pascagoula - 9:30-noon
- FBC, Hazlehurst - 9:30-noon
- FBC, Lucedale - 7-9:30 p.m.
- FBC, Magee - 7-9:30 p.m.
- 15 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- Grace Memorial BC, Gulfport - 9:30-noon
- West Laurel BC, Laurel - 9:30-noon
- Pearl River Assoc. Bldg., Carriere - 7-9:30 p.m.
- Calvary BC, Waynesboro - 7-9:30 p.m.
- 16 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian - 9:30-noon
- 28th Avenue BC, Hattiesburg - 9:30-noon
- 17 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- Forest BC, Forest - 9:30-noon
- FBC, Columbia - 9:30-noon
- Morrison Heights BC, Clinton - 7-9:30 p.m.
- FBC, Summit - 7-9:30 p.m.
- 18 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- FBC, Natchez - 9:30-noon
- FBC, Vicksburg - 9:30-noon
- 21-23 Baptist Building Staff Planning Retreat; Camp Garaywa, Clinton
- 24 Church Business Administrators Conference; Hinds-Madison Assoc. Office, Jackson; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAPM)

- 24 District Keyboard Festival; 6:30 p.m. (CM)
- FBC, Clinton; FBC, Laurel; FBC, McComb; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo
- 25 District Keyboard Festival; 6:30 p.m. (CM)
- FBC, Starkville; FBC, Grenada; FBC, Natchez; Temple BC, Hattiesburg
- 25-26 Singles' Conference; Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 7 p.m., 25th-5 p.m., 26th (CAC)
- 25-26 Effective WORKERshops; Colonial Heights BC, Jackson; 5:30 p.m., 25th-11:30 a.m., 26th (SS)
- 25-26 Young Ministers' Wives Retreat; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 5:30 p.m., 25th-2:30 p.m., 26th (WMU)
- 26 District Keyboard Festival; 9:30 a.m. (CM)
- FBC, Gulfport; FBC, Greenville; Colonial Hills BC, Southaven; Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian, Colonial Heights BC, Jackson
- 27 Baptist Men's Day (BRO Emphasis)
- 28 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- FBC, Philadelphia - 9:30-noon
- FBC, Yazoo City - 9:30-noon
- Emmanuel BC, Grenada - 7-9:30 p.m.
- Parkway BC, Kosciusko - 7-9:30 p.m.
- 29 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- N. Greenwood BC, Greenwood - 9:30-noon
- Ackerman BC, Ackerman - 9:30-noon
- Second BC, Greenville - 7-9:30 p.m.
- FBC, Columbus - 7-9:30 p.m.
- 30 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- Lee Baptist Assoc. Center, Tupelo - 9:30-noon
- Oakhurst BC, Clarksdale - 9:30-noon
- 31 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- FBC, Batesville - 9:30-noon
- FBC, Corinth - 9:30-noon
- FBC, Holly Springs - 7-9:30 p.m.
- FBC, Oxford - 7-9:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY '85

- 1 Sunday School Church Growth Projects Whistlestops (SS)
- Pittsboro BC, Pittsboro - 9:30-noon
- Parkway BC, Hernando - 9:30-noon
- 1-2 Dedicated Youth Conference; Colonial Heights BC, Jackson; 7 p.m., 1st-3 p.m., 2nd (CAPM)
- 3 Human Relations Sunday (CAC Emphasis)
- 4-6 Evangelism/Bible Conference; FBC, Greenville; 6:30 p.m., 4th-noon, 6th (SS/EVAN)
- 6-8 Baptist Building At Home Days
- 8-9 College/Seminary Weekend; Mississippi College, Clinton; 7 p.m., 8th-13:30 p.m., 9th (CM)
- 10 Race Relations Sunday (CAC Emphasis)

- 10-16 Focus on WMU (WMU Emphasis)
- 11-13 Regional Long Range Planning Seminar; Baptist Building, Jackson; Noon, 11th-noon, 13th (CAPM)
- 17-20 Home Missions Study (WMU Emphasis)
- 19 Christian Action Seminar; Woodland Hills BC, Jackson; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAC)
- 22-23 Parenting By Grace; Temple BC, Hattiesburg; 7 p.m., 22nd-noon, 23rd (CAC)
- 22-23 Church Recreation Mini-Lab; FBC, Laurel; 7 p.m., 22nd-4 p.m., 23rd (CT)
- 22-24 National Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference; Memphis, TN (BRO)
- 23 State Youth Four-Part Music Festival; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (CM)
- 25-26 Workshop on Video Production Techniques; 6-9:30 p.m. (DBS)
- 25 - FBC, Jackson
- 26 - FBC, Hattiesburg
- 27 Directors of Missions Program Interpretation Meeting; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 3 p.m., 27th-noon, March 1 (PD)

MARCH '85

- 1-2 State Instrumental Festival; Mississippi College, Clinton; 6 p.m., 1st-4 p.m., 2nd (CM)
- 1-3 Acteens Queens' Court; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 5 p.m., 1st-noon, 3rd (WMU)
- 2 Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAPM)
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for Home Missions (WMU Emphasis)
- 6-8 Baptist Building At Home Days
- 7 Pastoral Care Seminar; Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAC)
- 7-9 Church Music Conference; William Carey College, Hattiesburg; 6:30 p.m., 7th-noon, 9th (CM)
- 7-9 Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association; Biloxi (MBREA)
- 10 Home Missions Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)
- 12-14 Sunday School Growth Spiral Conference; 7-9:30 p.m. (SS)
- 12 - FBC, Grenada
- 14 - Petal-Harvey BC, Petal
- 14-15 Statewide Church Extension Conference; Baptist Building; Noon, 14th-noon, 15th (CoMi)
- 18-19 WMU Convention; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 7 p.m., 18th-9 p.m., 19th (WMU)
- 18-21 Vacation Bible School Growth Clinic; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS)
- 18 - FBC, Greenwood
- 19 - FBC, Sardis
- 20 - Calvary BC, Tupelo
- 21 - FBC, Starkville
- 21-22 Professional Preschool & Children's Directors Meeting; Baptist Building; 6 p.m., 21st-noon, 22nd (CT)
- 22-23 Interpreter's Workshop; 38th Avenue BC, Hattiesburg; 7 p.m., 22nd-1 p.m., 23rd (CoMi)

- 23 Baptist Men's Rally; Parkway BC, Jackson; 10 a.m. (BRO)
- 25-28 Preschool/Children/Youth Church Training Leader Blitz; 7-9:30 p.m. (CT)
- 25 - FBC, Brookhaven
- 26 - Temple BC, Hattiesburg
- 28 - FBC, Biloxi
- 25-28 Vacation Bible School Growth Clinic; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS)
- 25 - FBC, Biloxi
- 26 - FBC, McComb
- 27 - Ridgecrest BC, Jackson
- 28 - 15th Avenue BC, Meridian
- 29-30 State Handbell Festival; Mississippi Coliseum, Jackson; 6 p.m., 29th-2:30 p.m., 30th (CM)
- 29-31 Leadership Training Conference; Gulfshore Assembly; 5 p.m., 29th-noon, 31st (SW)

APRIL '85

- 3-5 Baptist Building At Home Days
- 4 New Staff Orientation and Directors of Missions Meeting; Baptist Building, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (MBCB)
- 5-6 Youth Missions Conference; Gulfshore Assembly; 3 p.m., 5th-3 p.m., 6th (BRO, WMU)
- 12 Easter
- 12 Young Musicians' Adjudication; Oak Forest BC, Jackson; 7-9:30 p.m. (CM)
- 12-13 GA Mother/Daughter Weekend (Grades 1-3) Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 4 p.m., 12th-1 p.m., 13th (WMU)
- 12-14 Marriage Enrichment Retreat; Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville; 7 p.m., 12th-noon, 14th (CAC)
- 13 State Young Musicians' Festival; Mississippi College, Clinton; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (CM)
- 13 Key Leadership Seminar for Bi-Vocational Pastors; Baptist Building, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS)
- 15-16 State Secretaries' Conference; Baptist Building, Jackson; 12:30 p.m., 15th-11:45 a.m., 16th (CAPM)
- 15-20 State Bible Drill; 2-6:30 p.m. (CT)
- 15 - FBC, Tupelo
- FBC, Gulfport
- 16 - FBC, Kosciusko
- FBC, Laurel
- 18 - FBC, Natchez
- Clarksdale BC, Clarksdale
- 19 - FBC, Greenville
- FBC, Brookhaven
- 20 - Broadmoor BC, Jackson
- FBC, Brandon
- 19-20 Language Missions Leadership Conference; Baptist Indian Center, Philadelphia; Noon, 19th-noon, 20th (CoMi)
- 20 Mississippi Baptist Ham Meeting; Baptist Building, Jackson; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (BRO)
- 25-26 Associational WMU Officers' Retreat-Session I; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 5:30 p.m., 25th-12:30 p.m., 26th (WMU)
- 26-27 Associational WMU Officers' Retreat-Session II; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 5:30 p.m., 26th-12:30 p.m., 27th (WMU)
- 26-27 Singles' Retreat; Temple BC, Hattiesburg; 7 p.m., 26th-5 p.m., 27th (BRO)

Thursday, April 12, 1984

26-27	Church Drama-Music Conference; Morrison Heights BC, Clinton; 7 p.m., 26th-4 p.m., 27th (CT)	27-31	Royal Ambassador Camp Staff Week; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 27th-Noon, 31st (BRO)	12-13	GA Grandmother/Granddaughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 4 p.m., 12th-1 p.m., 13th (WMU)	SEPTEMBER '85	1	Day of Prayer for Sunday School (SS Emphasis)	
27	Crusader Day; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (North Miss.) (BRO)	31	II Youth Conference, June Gulfshore Assembly MBCB	15-19	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 15th-Noon, 19th (BRO)	1-7	Brotherhood Leadership Week (BRO, SBC Emphasis)	7-8	Pastors/Wives Retreat; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 7th-4 p.m., 8th (CAPM)
28	Senior Adult Day (CT Emphasis)	4		15-19	GA Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 15th-Noon, 19th (WMU)	4-6	Baptist Building At Home Days	9-11	Baptist Building At Home Days
28	Senior Adult Week (CT Emphasis)	2	Baptist Record Sunday (BR Emphasis)	15-19	I Youth Music Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CM)	6-7	V Sunday School Preschool & Children's Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS)	10	New Staff Orientation and Directors of Missions Meeting; Baptist Bldg.; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (MBCB)
5		2	Religious Liberty Sunday (CAC Emphasis)	19-23	II Youth Music Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CM)	6-7	Singles Seminar FBC, Grenada; 7 p.m., 6th-5 p.m., 7th (CAC)	11-12	Disaster Relief Training; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 6 p.m., 11th-2 p.m., 12th (BRO)
MAY '85		3-5	Baptist Building At Home Days	19-25	WMU Conference; Glorieta Assembly, NM (WMU)	6-7	State Children's Choir Leadership Clinic; Oak Forest BC, Jackson; 6:30 p.m., 6th-Noon, 7th (CM)	11-13	Mississippi Baptist Conference of the Deaf; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 8 p.m., 11th-Noon, 13th (CoMi)
3-4	Chaplain's Retreat; Gulfshore Assembly; 5 p.m., 3rd-3 p.m., 4th (CoMi)	3-7	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 3rd-Noon, 7th (BRO)	22-26	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 22nd-Noon, 26th (BRO)	6-7	Chaplaincy Conference; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; Noon, 6th-Noon, 7th (CoMi)	13	World Hunger Day (CAC Emphasis)
3-5	Mississippi Acteens Convention '85; FBC, Gulfport; 7 p.m., 3rd-10:30 a.m., 5th (WMU)	3-7	GA Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 3rd-Noon, 7th (WMU)	22-26	GA Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 22nd-Noon, 26th (WMU)	8	Single Adult Sunday (CAC Emphasis)	17	Key Leadership Seminar; Baptist Building; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAPM)
4	Crusader Day; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (South Miss.) (BRO)	4-8	III Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB)	24-27	Music Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CM)	8-11	State Missions Season of Prayer & Margaret Lackey Offering (WMU Emphasis)	21-24	Area Secretaries Conference; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAPM)
4	Senior Adult Festival; City Family In Bible Study Day (CT & SS Emphasis)	10-14	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 10th-Noon, 14th (BRO)	26-27	Lad/Dad Weekend; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 2 p.m., 26th-1 p.m., 27th (BRO)	9-12	Area Brotherhood Leadership Training; 7-9 p.m. (BRO)	22	Adams Assoc. Office, Natchez
5-12	Christian Home Week (CT & CAC Emphasis)	10-14	GA Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 10th-Noon, 14th (WMU)	29-31	I Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS)	9	FBC, Coldwater	23	Riverside Assoc. Office, Clarksdale
6	WMU Special Day & Edwina Robinson Offering (WMU Emphasis)	10-14	IV Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB)	29	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 29th-Noon, 2nd (BRO)	10	FBC, Greenwood	24	Lee Assoc. Office, Tupelo
7	Key Leader Seminar; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (WMU)	11-13	Southern Baptist Convention; Dallas, Texas	Aug. 2		10	FBC, Starkville	21-25	MasterLife Workshop; Gulfshore Assembly; 3 p.m., 21st-Noon, 25th (CT)
8-10	Baptist Building At Home Days	14-18	V Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB)	29	Acteens Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 29th-Noon, 2nd (WMU)	12	FBC, Hattiesburg	25	Adult Celebration Day; Coliseum, Jackson; 6:30-10:00 p.m. (CM)
10	Mississippi Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship; FBC, Jackson; 6:30-9 p.m. (BRO)	17-21	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 17th-Noon, 21st (BRO)	Aug. 2		13-15	Marriage Enrichment Retreat; Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville; 7 p.m., 13th-Noon, 15th (CAC)	25-26	Church Media Library Workshop; FBC, McComb; 10 a.m., 25th-Noon, 26th (SS)
11	Youth Speakers Tournament; Parkway BC, Jackson; 10 a.m.-Noon-Selection Tournament; Parkway BC, Jackson; 2-6 p.m. (CT)	17-21	GA Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 17th-Noon, 21st (WMU)	Aug. 3	Mississippi Baptist Youth Night; Mississippi Coliseum, Jackson; 7-10 p.m. (MBCB)	15	Scripture Distribution/Prospect Discovery & High Attendance Day (SS Emphasis)	25-27	International Student Conference; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 5 p.m., 25th-Noon, 27th (SW)
12	Baptist Children's Village Mother's Day Offering	17-22	VI Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB)	4	Day of Prayer for World Peace (CAC Emphasis)	16-17	New Church Member Orientation Workshop; 9:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m. (CT)	27	Sunday School High Attendance Day (SS Emphasis)
13-16	Better Biblical Preaching and Worship; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAPM)	21-22	Lad/Dad Weekend; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 2 p.m., 21st-1 p.m., 22nd (BRO)	5-7	III Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS)	20-21	GA Mother/Daughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 4 p.m., 20th-1 p.m., 21st (WMU)		
13	Harrisburg BC, Tupelo	22-26	VII Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB)	5-9	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 5th-Noon, 9th (BRO)	20-21	VI Sunday School Youth, Adult, General Officers Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS)		
15	Central BC, McComb	24-28	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 24th-Noon, 28th (BRO)	7-9	Baptist Building At Home Days	22	Enrollment Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)		
16	Morrison Heights BC, Clinton	24-28	GA Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 24th-Noon, 28th (WMU)	8-9	WMU Leadership Training; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; Noon 8th-Noon, 9th (WMU)	23-25	Church Growth Seminar; Baptist Building, Jackson; 2 p.m., 23rd-Noon, 25th (SS, CAPM, EVAN)		
13-17	I Senior Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT)	26-29	Church Training Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT)	8-10	IV Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS)	29	Celebration Sunday in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)		
14	Associational Officers Interpretation Meeting; Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (PD)	26-29	Special Education Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT)	10	WMU Leadership Training; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (WMU)	29	Sunday School Preparation Week (SS Emphasis)		
17-18	Retreat for Mentally Retarded, Parents & Leaders; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 5 p.m., 17th-4 p.m., 18th (CT)			10-14	VIII Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB)	30	ACTS-Baptist TelNet Update; FBC, Hattiesburg; 7-9 p.m. (DBS)		
17-18	Small Sunday School Conference; Hebron BC, Sardis; 7 p.m., 17th-10:30 a.m., 18th (SS)	1-3	Baptist Building At Home Days	12-13	WMU Leadership Training; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; Noon, 12th-Noon, 13th (WMU)				
17-18	Prison and Jail Ministry Consultation; Parchman Equipping Center; 9:30 a.m., 17th-Noon, 18th (CoMi)	1-5	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 1st-Noon, 5th (BRO)	13	Area Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic; Emmanuel BC, Grenada; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAPM)				
17-19	Single Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CAC)	1-5	GA Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 1st-Noon, 5th (WMU)	14	WMU Leadership Training; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (WMU)				
18	Adult Campcraft Training Conference; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (BRO)	1-5	Family Enrichment Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CAC)	15	WMU Leadership Training; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (WMU)				
20-22	II Senior Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT)	7	Christian Citizenship Sunday (CAC Emphasis)	15-19	IX Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB)				
20-23	Continuing Witness Training; Colonial Heights BC, Jackson; 2 p.m., 20th-Noon, 23rd (EVAN)	8-10	Pastor/Church Staff Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CAPM)	16-17	WMU Leadership Training; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; Noon, 16th-Noon, 17th (WMU)				
20-26	Associational Emphasis Week (HMB)	8-10	Church Recreation Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT)	18-24	WMU Conference; Ridgecrest Assembly, NC (WMU)				
23-25	III Senior Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT)	8-12	RA Camp; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 10 a.m., 8th-Noon, 12th (BRO)	20-24	IV Senior Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT)				
26	Associational Emphasis Sunday (HMB Emphasis)	8-12	GA Camp; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 8th-Noon, 12th (WMU)	24	Associational Officers Training; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FBC; Oxford; FBC, Columbia (PD)				
26	Christian Peacemaking Day (CAC Emphasis)	11-15	Young Musicians Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CM)	26-27	Associational Officers Training; 6:30-9:30 p.m. (PD)				
27-30	I Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB)	12-13	Lad/Dad Weekend; Central Hills, Kosciusko; 2 p.m., 12th-1 p.m., 13th (BRO)		26 - Crossgates BC, Brandon				
					27 - FBC, Winona				

NOVEMBER '85

1-2	Key Leadership Seminar; Baptist Building; Noon, 1st-2 p.m., 2nd (CoMi)
3-9	Royal Ambassador Emphasis Week (BRO Emphasis)
6-8	Baptist Building At Home Days
8-9	Acteens Mother/Daughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 5 p.m., 8th-3 p.m., 9th (WMU)
11-13	Mississippi Baptist Convention; FBC, Jackson
12	Video Awareness Breakfast; FBC, Jackson; 7-8:30 a.m. (DBS)
17-20	Foreign Missions Study (WMU Emphasis)
25	Associational "M" Night (CT Emphasis)

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1-8	Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (WMU)
2-3	Preaching Conference; Van Winkle BC, Jackson; 1 p.m., 2nd-3:30 p.m., 3rd (CAPM)
5-6	Area Coordinators Specialized Training; Central Hills, Kosciusko; Noon, 5th-3 p.m., 6th (BRO)
6-7	Key Leadership Seminar; Baptist Building; 7 p.m., 6th-Noon, 7th (BRO)
8	Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)
30-31	Youth Evangelism Conference; Mississippi College; 1 p.m., 30th-5 p.m., 31st (EVAN)

Uniform In the shadow of the cross

By Robert Earl Shirley, pastor, Parkway, Tupelo
Mark 14:22-36

As the hour of Jesus' death drew near, he sent Peter and John to make preparations for the observance of the Passover. The account seems to indicate that previous arrangements had been made for the use of a private room in the home of one who apparently was a believer. At any rate, the two were received as Jesus had predicted and carried out their mission as ordered.

The supper (14:22-26). When Christ and his disciples ate together during that final week before Calvary, the routine atmosphere that is often characteristic of our Lord's Supper observances today was totally absent. Taking some of the bread from the table, he broke it, gave them portions and used it to symbolize that his body would be broken on the cross for them. Then he used the wine in the cup to symbolize that his blood would be shed for them as he died on that cross.

The word "testament" or "covenant" signified the new relationship that he would have with his people in the days to come. God had made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants years ago, and now he is establishing his covenant on his terms. All who will may share the blessings that it involves. One must wonder what they sang before they went out. Whatever it was, it was a beautiful moment as they lifted their voices together in praise to God.

The affirmation (14:27-31). Knowing full well what lay before him, Jesus tried once again as they made their way into the Mount of Olives to

prepare his disciples for his leaving them. Thus, he quoted a passage from Zechariah 13:7 that was soon to be fulfilled and assured them again of his resurrection. As before, they closed their eyes to the truth and Peter declared that even if the whole world forsook him, he will remain loyal. We must admire him for his determination, but we must also take this occasion and his words as a reminder that our faith needs to measure up to our words. It is not enough to say we are Christians and faithful. We must be Christian and live committed lives. Jesus gave Peter a warning and told him that he would deny his Lord three times before the rooster crowed twice.

When Peter denied this charge and pledged faithfulness even at the cost of his life, the other disciples voiced their agreement. These are those same men who left Jesus to face the cross alone. Few of us can afford to be critical of their weakness when we remember how many times we have let trivial matters and events cause our faith to falter.

The garden (14:32-36). The traditional site of the Garden of Gethsemane is a beautiful plot on the slope of the Mount of Olives that would have certainly afforded Christ the protection and privacy that he needed and desired for moments of private prayer. Leaving the other disciples at the gate, he took Peter, James, and John into the garden where they were to witness his agony as he considered the ordeal of his

death on the cross.

There he must leave even the select three behind, for he must face what he came to earth to face alone. The agony is so great as to be almost beyond human endurance, and Jesus' falling again and again to the ground shows his tremendous struggle. We can neither know nor comprehend the thoughts of his mind and heart during these moments, but we can understand and sympathize with his prayer that if it be possible, the hour might pass from him.

The humanity of Jesus is never more apparent than at this point in his earthly ministry. Contrary to the teaching of some ancient groups and modern commentators, his suffering and death were real, and his human spirit shrank from it. But more than that, his righteousness and holiness would dread the horribleness of sin with which he was destined to associate himself. Those who get discouraged in their prayer life should note carefully this passage. In spite of the agony that Jesus was undergoing, his prayer was still, "Not my will but thine be done."

We do not know what answer he received from the Father, but we do know that when he left the Garden, he was prepared mentally, physically, and spiritually for the completion of his earthly ministry. It was a victory of love. God so loved us while we were yet sinners that he gave his Son who so loved us that he could more easily endure the cross than see us remain in our sin.

Bible Book

Sins of injustice

By Bill Causey, pastor, Parkway, Jackson
Amos 5:1-6:14

The repeated refrain of chapter four "Yet you have not returned to me" climaxed with the prophet declaring "prepare to meet your God" (4:12) as if Israel needed to be reintroduced to their creator-redeemer. He now reaches the high point of his prophecy with an exalted message from God.

I. A funeral song for Israel (5:1-3)

A dirge or lamentation was a song to be sung during a funeral or funeral procession. It's as if in the mind of the prophet, Israel has already died and her funeral is in progress. The defeat of Israel was very great with only a remnant, one tenth, of those who went to war returning.

II. But there is a chance for Israel to live (5:4-17)

If they will only seek God (4) in truth. This means not only to the corrupt places of worship (Bethel, Gilgal, Beersheba), but to truly return to the Lord himself. God's judgment "like a fire" is about to break forth (6) because they have turned "justice" to wormwood (a bitter and poisonous herb) and cast down "righteousness." The Creator certainly has the power to destroy (8-10) and Israel is certainly deserving of the punishment.

The injustices heaped upon the poor at the gate (where court was held) and heavy rents and taxes were used to enrich the leaders. Though these transgressions are obvious and the poor cannot get justice (11-12), there are those who think it "prudent" to not speak up against it (13). So the appeal is renewed to "seek the Lord" by returning to good, not evil, and establishing justice in the courts (14-15). Then, as now, there were those who thought they could be right with God without being ethical and moral in their dealings with others. This is the reason the prophet hears a funeral dirge and weeping in the streets (16) because God will "pass through the midst of you"; not "over" you as when he spared them in Egypt (15).

III. But false religion offers a phoney hope (5:18-27)

They falsely thought that God would deliver them in "the day of the Lord" even though they were corrupt. Amos says that the day of the Lord will be a day of justice not a day of favor to Israel. Vivid descriptions (18-20) show how unavoidable God's wrath will be against their transgressions. God rejects totally all religious practices that do not result in righteous living. They cannot please him unless they let "justice roll down."

the body down from the cross. Since the Sabbath was coming quickly, it was necessary to arrange burial rapidly. The preparation and burial were hastily done. This meant that only the bare essentials could be accomplished. A large stone was rolled across the entrance to the tomb. Jesus was dead and buried.

However, no stone is ever the last act when it is rolled up against any event in which God has a part. Jesus was buried. Man had done his worst, but the stage was now set for the greatest event in history.

like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (24). Their hypocrisy and false gods have long been known (25-26) and have caught up with them and will lead them to exile (27). Their way of life reflects a false worship.

IV. And false confidence offers a nationwide risk (6:1-8)

Woe to those who feel secure and are at ease and brag that they are "distinguished" men of the "foremost" of nations (1). They compare themselves with weaker neighbors and think the day of calamity is far away (2). They indulge themselves in lavish feasts, leisure and music. They drink wine from sacrificial bowls (others presumably not large enough) and oil and perfume themselves (4-6). They have no grief at all for the "ruin of Joseph" (another name for Israel). The "sprawlers banqueting" will end when they are led away in to exile (7). God has sworn by his own character that this arrogance will be punished (8).

V. But they will learn to respect God (6:9-14)

When the punishment is completed and the destruction so great, there will be those who will come through to burn the bodies to prevent the spread of plague. They will be afraid to ask questions out loud; or even say the name of the Lord, presumably for fear of attracting the Lord's wrath again (9-10). They have indeed met the Lord! And the Lord of Hosts is his name! Not a single house will be spared, large or small (11).

Here are some foolish questions: "Do horses run on rocks? or does one plow the sea (alternate reading) with oxen?" Then isn't it just as foolish to turn justice to poison and the fruit of righteousness to wormwood (12)?

You have been rejoicing in and depending upon nothing (Lo-debar) when you've talked about your own strength and conquest (13). God promises (14) to raise up a nation that will punish them from the extreme north (Hamath) to the extreme south (brook of the Arabah).

Could there be a more vivid message for modern nations?

Life and Work

Burial of the savior

By Gerald P. Buckley, pastor, Parkway, Natchez
Mark 15:40-47

Death is a rude shock. It always deals a staggering blow. Losing a loved one is the most shattering experience that can come to a person. Mankind has always had a problem with death. We do everything to avoid the agony of even thinking about it or coming to grips with it in our own lives.

It is important that we understand that Jesus really did die on that cross in Jerusalem. Edwin Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, recently gave an interview to the editor of the *Shreveport Journal*. Edwards made this statement regarding the death of Christ: "I think Jesus died, but I don't believe he came back to life, because that's too much against natural law. I'm not going around preaching this, but he may have swooned, passed out or almost died, and when he was taken down, with superhuman strength, after a period of time he may have revived himself and come back to life."

The Gospel of Mark stands in sharp contradiction to the recent statement of the Governor of Louisiana. Mark speaks with the sound of certainty that indeed the dead body of Christ was taken down from the cross and buried.

I. The faithful women (Mark 15:40-41)

"There were also women looking on from afar." It would be impossible to find in all history or literature

words with more sorrow than these. Some women were observing the crucifixion from a distance. Though most of the disciples of Jesus had deserted him, there was a core of faithful followers who were present at the crucifixion. They grieved silently and followed at a distance. There were women who had followed Jesus in Galilee and had aided him in his ministry there.

The actual naming of three specific women and the further information that many other women were present is of great importance. These women are crucial for history and for our faith. They were eyewitnesses to mighty events. Their report provides reality and authenticity.

The church owes such a huge debt to women. They have had a redeeming influence in our world. Consider the impact committed women have had in our Baptist churches. So much of the work of the kingdom of God is done by them. So much of the hope that is in the Christian faith depends on them. The church must move forward in giving to women the recognition and place which they so richly deserve, but which has so often been grudgingly denied them.

As loyal as these women near the cross were, they were helpless to stop the crucifixion. The one thing they could do, they did, and that was to be there. When faced with the death of a friend, we are often at a loss for

words. What can we do to help? The answer is to do what those women near the cross did; be there.

II. The unexpected champion (Mark 15:42-45)

The scripture tells us that Joseph of Arimathea went with boldness to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Verses 44 and 45 testify to the certainty of Jesus' death. Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead. It usually took a long time for crucified persons to die. So he called for the centurion who had been in charge of the execution. Pilate asked him if Jesus were already dead. When the centurion confirmed that Jesus was dead, Pilate gave the corpse to Joseph.

Joseph has been part of many sermons dealing with secret discipleship. The reason for this is because some have claimed that he did nothing until after Jesus was dead. This has been greatly unfair to Joseph. It took real courage to do what he did, to disregard the angry Jews and face Pilate with a request for the body of Jesus. Joseph is to be held in honor, not in reproach.

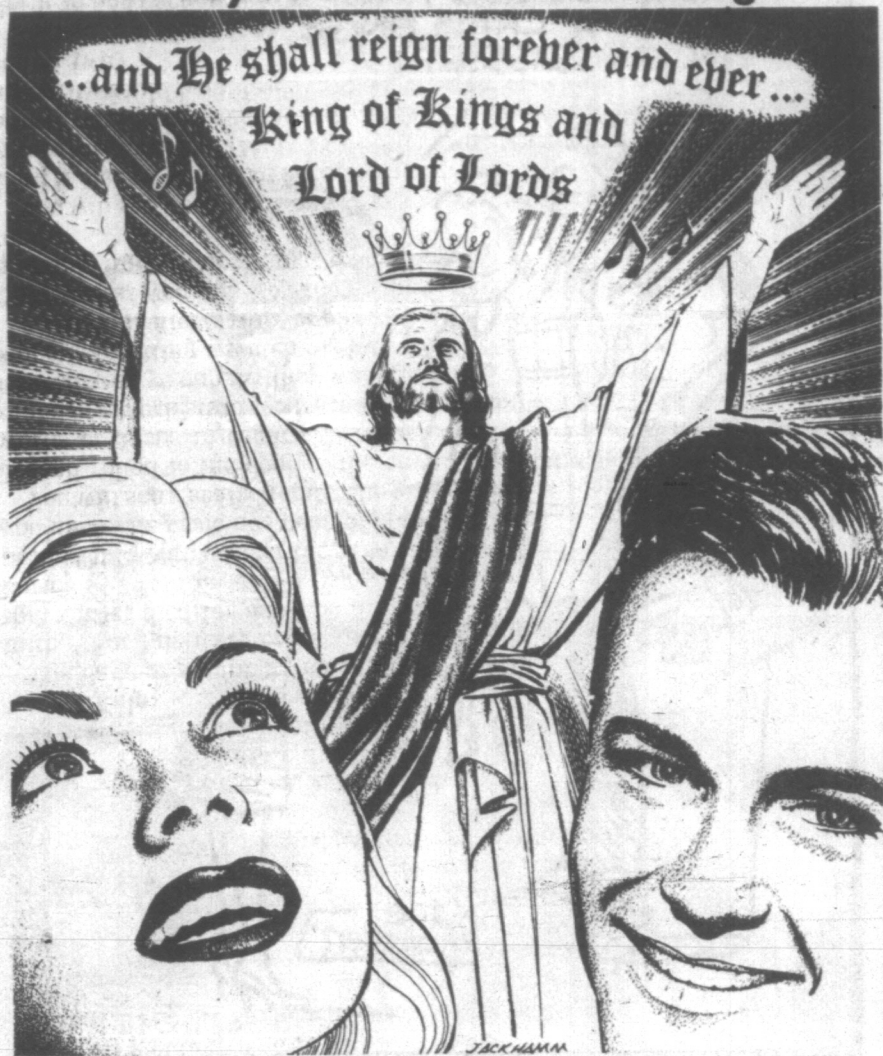
III. The burial of Jesus (Mark 15:46-47)

True to his pattern throughout his Gospel, Mark does not go into the details of Jesus' burial. He simply tells us that Joseph purchased a linen sheet of gauze-like material for wrapping the body. He carefully took

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Keith Parks, FMB president, presents the charge to the new missionaries as they stand in a semicircle on stage.

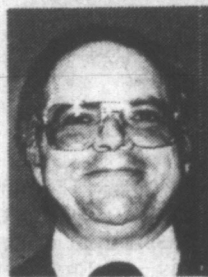
Devotional The tomb

By Ralph Culp, pastor, Central, Golden

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay (Mathew 28:5-6).

This scripture invites one to examine the grave used by Jesus. What do you see when you take a close look?

You will see the Saviour's tomb. Careful preparations were made for the burial of Jesus. Two influential Jewish leaders, who had been secret disciples, came openly to assure a proper and honorable burial for the Saviour. "Then took they the body of Jesus and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury" (Jn. 19:40).



Culp

Skeptic unbelievers have accused teary eyed, hysterical women of going to the wrong tomb! However, these women watched where Jesus was buried. Peter and John later came to the same tomb where the angel of the Lord awaited them. It was not a case of mistaken identity. It was the Saviour's tomb.

The Saviour's tomb gives validity to one of the greatest doctrines of our faith. "For I delivered unto your first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures and that he was buried..." (I Cor. 15:3-4a). A death occurred on the cross and a burial is proof. This death was for the penalty of sin. When you see the Saviour's tomb you know the price has been paid for our sin!

You will see a sealed tomb. The grave was first shut off by the stone which Joseph rolled to the door of the cave. The chief priests remembering the words of Jesus in regard to resurrection became alarmed. Pilate commanded the priests to secure the tomb. "Ye have a watch, go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone and setting a watch" (Matt. 27:65-66).

All human efforts were applied toward the prevention of the resurrection. "As sure as you can" by the soldiers, high priests and governor made it humanly impossible, immoral and illegal for anyone to enter or to leave the tomb.

You will see a solitary tomb. The angels showed Mary an empty tomb. The Lord is risen! "He is not here, for he is risen, as he said, come see the place where the Lord lay" (Matt. 28:6). All the evidence—the stone rolled away, an empty tomb, grave clothes neatly folded—point toward a resurrection. No authority could hold Jesus in the grave. He was gone before the stone was rolled away.

This solitary tomb is the only one of its kind. "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:20). Easter is the protest of God against death and the celebration of freedom from death. His death gives us life. His burial gives us hope. His resurrection gives us victory!

Foreign Mission Board appointment service

(Stories begin on page 3.)



The parade of flags procession was led by 103 Mississippi Acteens and Royal Ambassadors.

He is risen

A rugged hillside, the first light of dawn.
A few anxious women all alone
Making their way to the tomb where he lay,
Trudging sorrowfully in the first light of day.

Two men in shining garments appear
The women are startled and filled with fear,

"Why seek ye the living among the dead?
He is not here, he is risen instead"

He is risen, he is risen, the words echo still,
As they did that day from the tomb in the hill.
These words have reverberated down through the years,
Bringing peace to my heart and drying my tears!

Ruth Norsworthy Crager
State Line

Editorials..... by don mcgregor

High hour was expected

The Foreign Mission Board appointment service last week on the Mississippi Gulf Coast at Biloxi was more than advance billing could ever give word that it would be, but that is always the way it is when the Lord is at work. And it was to be expected, for we knew the Lord would be the overriding influence in the service.

He had to be, or the meeting would have been in vain. The word of the Lord in the world and the witness to the world of his power of salvation from sin was what the service was all about. He was there. Only those who didn't expect him could have been surprised. The feeling was, however, that everyone of the 8,000 present knew he would be there.

And it is always a period of awe when one watches the Lord moving among his people. This was true in Biloxi last week.

Maybe the **Baptist Record** had an unexpected moment of extra awareness of God's pervasiveness in the lives of his own as a lovely and radiant young woman strode confidently down the aisle to make known her commitment to missions service. She is Jana Newton, a student at Mississippi College. Her mother, then Pat Tullos, once worked at the **Baptist Record**. Her father is Jim Newton, news director for the Home Mission Board; and the Newtons now live in Atlanta.

There were 58 who made such decisions. For lack of a better term, we speak of high hours when we discuss such occasions as this. This was indeed a high hour.

I have spent almost 28 years in this capacity of observing and reporting what the Lord is doing among Southern Baptists. In spite of all of those years and all of the meetings attended and all of the stories that were written about them, I continue to be moved by such occasions.

This appointment service brought foreign missions right into Mississippi Baptists' front door. The missionary candidates who were to be appointed were there from all over the nation. Five of the 12 couples were Mississippians. One couple was from the area of Dallas County in Texas, where I lived for 20 years.

Furloughing and retired missionaries were present as were other former missionaries whom the Lord has led into other fields of service.

A sizeable corps of Foreign Mission Board personnel was present. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, could as well have been speaking to the assembled audience as to the newly appointed missionaries as in his charge to them he cautioned, "Don't neglect your gift."

Lewis Myers, a former field missionary now on the Richmond staff, was there. He is a Mississippian.

Louis Cobbs, director for overseas personnel, whom I have known for 30 years, was there. Winston Crawley, Charles Bryan, Thurmon Bryant, and many others were there. Almost all of the elected members of the Foreign Mission Board were present; and the chairman presiding over the sessions was Gene Triggs, a Mississippian from Yazoo City.

And the Lord was there.

The many people who worked on committees to make this meeting a success are due special commendations, and there were many. Chairman of the steering committee was Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi. Other committee leaders were Bobby Perry, director of missions for Gulf Coast Association, and Nathan Barber, pastor of First Church, Bay St. Louis. There were many others; and on behalf of Mississippi Baptists, we thank them all.

...where honor is due

The **Baptist Record** is being honored this week as being one of the 10 oldest businesses in the City of Jackson. The Chamber of Commerce is taking steps to honor these longstanding institutions, and we are grateful that we could be a part of the occasion.

The subject of this piece is not the award for longevity, however, but secretaries. President Reagan has proclaimed 1984 as the Year of the Secretary. Next week is National Secretaries' Week, and Wednesday is the day specifically established nationally to honor secretaries for their work.

The Chamber of Commerce asked the 10 institutions to provide displays portraying "then" and "now," and **Baptist Record** secretary Evelyn Keyes put a fine one together. The connection comes in that as I delivered that display to the proper place, I saw a sign on a desk in the office that read, "Behind every successful executive is a secretary who runs the place."

How true.

No doubt it is true in churches and Baptist offices throughout the state. We want to call attention to this time that has been designated to honor secretaries, and we want to add our words of commendation to the fine women who are serving faithfully, though many times unseen and unheard, in this capacity all over the state.

The need and reason for commendation will not end with Wednesday, or next week, or this year, however. Their work will be continuing as long as we are continuing to go about the Master's business of being witnesses throughout the world, and they are one of the most vital cogs in the continuing attempt to witness. Without their help the witness would sputter and be much less effective than it is.

I certainly want to take this occasion to make a public statement of thanks for the secretaries who serve diligently and ceaselessly at the **Bap-**

tist Record. There is no ending to this work. A new issue has to go out each week, and a tremendous amount of work goes into each one. There are always ads to be produced and scheduled, advertisers to be contacted and advertising programs to be worked out, rates to be discussed, and other schedules to be meshed with advertising. The growing church page ministry is also a part of advertising at the **Baptist Record**. There are always proofs to be read, pictures to be printed, and news releases to get out. There are always circulation problems among the 124,000 subscribers and changes that have to be made and efforts sought to make the changes easier. There are always names to be added or dropped and address changes to be made on the computer. There are always financial records to be made and kept up with. In addition to all of this there are the normal duties that go along with being a secretary.

These ladies are due the thanks of all Mississippi Baptists, who are their ultimate employers. Information is vital in a democracy, which Baptist life is; and these ladies make it possible. I want to add my word of thanks to those of all Mississippi Baptists, because I am the one who knows better than anyone else what they do, how much it means, and how effective it is.

I hope churches all over the state will pay tribute to their secretaries in some fashion next week.

And the **Baptist Record**? One of the 10 oldest institutions in the Jackson area? Who knows? We may be the oldest. We were established in 1877 by J. B. Gambrell, that time-honored Southern Baptist statesman; so we are 107 years old. In addition to Gambrell and the present editor, there have been seven others. The first issue was published in a house that still stands across the street from the football stadium at Mississippi College in Clinton.

We are glad that the Chamber of Commerce remembered us.

"THEIR LANGUAGE IS STRANGE-
THEIR CUSTOMS ARE FOREIGN-IT'S
QUITE A CHALLENGE MINISTERING
IN MISSISSIPPI!"



No worry about the stone

"Who will roll the stone away," the women wondered as they approached the tomb of Jesus on Sunday morning to anoint his body.

There was no cause for their concern. The Lord had already taken care of that. And through his death he had already taken care of the penalty that must be paid for sin. He was the Lamb of God, and he had provided the sacrifice to pay the ransom for us... all of us and each of us, whether we believe it or not. We must accept it, however; for his death was in vain for those who don't.

On that Sunday morning he had conquered death and became alive again; and so he had already established also the fact of the resurrection of the dead.

The women's concerns were groundless. The Lord had taken care of their need in a greater way than they had been able to imagine. And through the ages since that time we have been aware of what the Lord did on that Sunday morning. We have continued since that time to celebrate the event by having our worship services on the first day of the week.

Yet we continue to fear that there are limitations to the Lord's abilities to carry out his will on earth as it should be done. He gave up his life to ransom us from sin, and he took back life for himself to assure us of eternity in his presence. There is nothing more that could have been done.

On this Easter Sunday, the time set aside to give specific recognition to the resurrection, may each of us let it be an occasion for the renewing of our faith. There is no limitation on his power, on his glory, or on his interest in and his ability to take care of his children.

May we seek to remove whatever

limitation we might have on our faith in him and make our faith a vital and living experience that will exhibit a complete trust in him and a witness to his lordship in our lives.

Slack to be missionary-in-residence

Missionary James Slack, assigned as a general evangelist to the Philippines, will be in Mississippi during his furlough to serve as missionary-in-residence in the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Slack will arrive

July 4 this summer to give primary emphasis to the Cooperative Program, making himself available to speak in churches.

Slack is a native of Louisiana, growing up in Plain Dealing. He is a graduate of Northwestern State College in Natchitoches, and earned the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary. Prior to appointment he served as pastor of Belcher (La.) Baptist Church.

He is married to Mississippi native Mary Prestridge Slack, who was born in Poplarville. The couple has three children.

They will be living in the Alta Woods Baptist Church missionary residence

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